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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers and Cargo every week.

The S. S. GOA, 1,935 Tons, 208 H.P., Commander Dickinson, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th March 1876, at 4 P.M.

	Mar.		Apr.
Leaves BOMBAY	25	Leaves Tuticorin	3
„ Ratnagherry	26	„ Colombo	3
„ Vingorla	26	„ Galle	4
„ Goa	26	„ Cochin	6
„ Carwar	27	„ Anjarakandy	9
„ Mangalore	28	„ Coconada	11
„ Cannanore	29	„ Vizagapatam	12
„ Tellicherry	29	„ Bimlipatam	13
„ Calicut	30	„ Calingapatam	13
„ Beypore	30	„ Gopalpore	14
„ Cochin	31	„ False Point	15
„ Alleppey	31	Arrives CALCUTTA	16

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line at the same rates as from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle to the Messageries Maritimes Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

Agents for Batavia, Sourabaya, Tjilatjap, Palembang, Penang, Acheen, Padang and Menicoee Islands, to go forward by the Messageries Maritime and Netherlands India S. N Companies.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company or other Steamers.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every week to the Persian Gulf Ports at KURRACHEE, GUADEL, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and ultimately at BAHREIN, and MAHOMERAH.

The S. S. UMBALLA, 840 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 26th March 1876, at 4 P.M.

March.		April
Leaves BOMBAY	24	Leaves BUSREH	12
„ Kurrachee	28	„ Mahomerah	12
„ Muscat	31	„ Bahrein	13
Apr.		„ Bushire	16
„ Bunder Abbas	2	„ Linga	20
„ Linga	4	„ Bunder Abbas	21
„ Bushire	6	„ Jask	22
„ Fao	8	„ Guadel	26
„ Mahomerah	8	„ Kurrachee	28
Arrive BUSREH	9	Arrives BOMBAY	May 1

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE CALLING AT KATTYAWAR COAST PORTS.

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The S. S. UMBALLA, 840 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 26th March 1876, at 4 P.M.

The S. S. VENGORLA, 878 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander Bayliss, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 27th March 1876, at 9 P.M., calling at Veraval, Porebunder, Mangarole and Gutch Mandevie.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGERS' RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Dues through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
Aden	£22	£15	£4
Suez	35	23	6
Port Said	35	24	6
Messina	50	34	14
Naples	50	34	14
Leghorn	50	34	14
Genoa	50	34	14
Marseilles	52	35	15 10

Children under 3 years, free of charge. Children not above 10 years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—

SUMATRA to sail on SATURDAY, 1st April 1876.
ARABIA to sail on SATURDAY, 15th April 1876.
BATAVIA to sail on MONDAY, 1st May 1876.
ASSIRIA to sail on MONDAY, 15th May 1876.

From the 1st January 1876 Steamers will leave Genoa on the 10th and 25th, and Bombay on the 1st and 15th of every month, until further notice.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second-class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

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Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
No. 9, Hummam Street.

Bombay, 8th December 1875.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
TO SUCCEED THE BRANKSOME HALL.

THE TRENTHAM HALL will be despatched to LIVERPOOL on or about the 1st of May. Definite notice as to the positive sailing date will be given at least a fortnight before the steamer sails.

The attention of intending passengers is particularly called to these fine steamers which have been specially constructed for the Bombay Trade. They are all built to steam 12 knots and are expected to make the passage either to or from England in about 27 days.

Each steamer will carry a DOCTOR and STEWARDESS.

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W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

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TO SAIL ABOUT 10TH MAY.

THE attention of Families intending to proceed to Europe is specially invited to the fine Steamer GALATEA, 2,001 Tons Register, 300 H.P. nominal, classed 100 A 1 at Lloyd's, well-known as the fourth favourite steamer of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's service as one of the finest superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers, and carries a DOCTOR and STEWARDESS. For Passage apply to Messrs. GRINDLAY & GROOM & Co.

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SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other first-class Vessels will be despatched for EUROPE:—

Vessels.	Captains	Tons.	H.P.	Mar. 1876.
PEKIN	W. Woolcott	3777	600	27th April
VENETIA	G. J. Babot	2726	450	3rd—Suez, &c.
NUBIA	W. B. Hall	2036	450	5th—London direct.
SIAM	H. W. Elsedwood	3097	500	8th—Southampton.
ASSAM	G. F. Cadee	3133	500	17th—Suez, &c.
MALWA	P. S. Tomlin	2933	450	24th—Southampton.
KAMBEHI	A. Symons	2422	400	May. 1st—Suez, &c.
DECCAN	J. D. Gaby	3429	550	6th—Southampton.

Passengers are booked to Malta, Gibraltar and Southampton by every Mail. The Southampton Steamers proceed to that port direct; but by the alternate Steamers passengers change vessels at Suez.

Passengers to Marseilles, Ancona, and Venice are carried by every Steamer, but proceed by rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Musagon, on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Musagon, at 3 P.M. precisely on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 20th March 1876.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On TUESDAY, the 4th April 1876, at 2 P.M., from Musagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. HINDOSTAN, Capt. N. Rockell, R.N.R. (3,113 Tons and 600 H. P.) will be despatched as above carrying Mails and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged the Company's Office before noon, on SATURDAY, the 18th March 1876.

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 21st March 1876. Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY, DIRECT STEAMER TO LONDON.

THE P. and O. Company's S.S. URIA, (4,026 Tons, 450 Horse Power,) will be despatched for LONDON via SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th April, at 2 P.M.

PASSAGE MONEY, (including Canal Fees.)

First Class	Rs. 680
Second Class	„ 370

G. F. HENRY,
Bombay, 4th March 1876. Superintendent.

ANCHOR LINE—INDIAN SERVICE.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE following or other First Class Steamers of the ANCHOR LINE will sail from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL to PORT SAID, SUEZ, and BOMBAY and from BOMBAY to SUEZ, PORT SAID, GIBRALTAR and LIVERPOOL:—

	From	From	From
	Tons H.P.	Glasgow.	Liverpool.	Bombay.
UTOPIA	2731 578	.....	.....	11th March.
MACEDONIA	2372 456	19th Feb.	26th Feb.	8th April.
TRINACRIA	2107 434	18th Mar.	25th Mar.	17th May.
also—				
EUROPA	2877 494	will sail from Bombay on or about		10th June.
INDIA	2289 500	do	do	10th July.
ACEDONIA	2373 486	do	do	10th August

And regularly thereafter, further sailings being arranged according to the requirements of the trade.

All the Steamers of this Line carry a SURGEON and STEWARDESS, and have superior First Class accommodation fitted with every convenience.

Passengers and Cargo booked through to New York in connection with the Anchor Line Transatlantic Service.

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO

	LIVERPOOL	SUEZ.
FIRST CLASS	Rs. 500	Rs. 320

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For Passage, Freight, &c., apply to

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Bombay, 8th March 1876.

"WILSON" LINE.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

S.S. YEDDO, 1,808 Tons, 27th March.

THE above Vessel will have despatch about the date named. She has excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers, and will carry a SURGEON and STEWARDESS.

Rates of Passage Money, exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board:—

FIRST CLASS ..... Rs. 500

For Passage and further particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM & Co.
VOLKART BROTHERS, Agents.

Bombay, 3rd March 1876.

To be followed by the XANTHO, about 15th April.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

THE First Class full-powered Steamer DAHLIA, Captain B. Joy, will leave for LONDON about the 28th instant, and has excellent accommodation for a few First-Class Saloon Passengers. FARE—£40.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO MARSEILLES, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE First Class Passengers Steamer CASTORE, 2,702 Tons, 850 H.P., will be despatched direct for MARSEILLES on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, positively. She has excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE (EXCLUSIVE OF LIQUOR).

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Marseilles	Rs. 450	Rs. 350	Rs. 180
To Port Said	„ 320	„ 265	„ 181
To Suez	„ 320	„ 240	„ 129½

For passage, &c., apply to the Agency of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd, 32 Bombay Green.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.

Bombay, 21st March 1876.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE following or other First-Class Passenger Steamers will be despatched from BOMBAY to TRIESTE:—

	Tons.	P. H.	
ETTORE	3,800,	400,	on 10th April 1876.
JUPITER	3,124,	400,	on 25th April 1876,

A Passenger Steamer on 10th May 1876.
Ditto on 10th June 1876.

These Steamers have excellent First and Second Class accommodation.

Rates of Passage-money (exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board at moderate prices):—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Trieste	£45 0 ...	£35 0 ...	£18 0
To Port Said	£33 0 ...	£25 10 ...	£13 2
To Suez	£30 0 ...	£24 0 ...	£12 5
To Aden	£17 0 ...	£13 0 ...	£ 6 15

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W. & A. GRAHAM & Co.,
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Bombay, 22nd March 1876.

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Overcoats, and Inverness Capes	from 35 0	Linen Faced Collars, doz	0 12	Extra Large do	75 0	Sponge Bags	2 0
Dressing Gowns	from 10 0	Best Linen do.	6 0	Black Hide Bags	11 8	Soap Boxes, Metal	1 0
Pyjamas	from 16 8	Cambric Handkerchiefs	5 0	Best Hide Gladstone	35 0	Soap, Three Tablets for	1 0
Oxford Shirts	36 0	Cotton Socks	0 8	Cash Bags	6 12	Marine Soap	do 0 12
White do	22 8	Warm do.	1 0	Courier Bags	6 12	Tooth Brushes	0 10
Flannel do		Light Sun Umbrellas	3 12	Soiled Linen do	4 12	Tooth Brush Cases	0 10
Shrunk do	49 0	Best Alpaca Umbrellas	6 8	Money Belts	3 8	Nail Brushes	0 12
Silk and Wool do	52 0	Sheets, per pair	9 8	Sovereign Boxes	3 0	Cloth Brushes	3 8
Under Vests	14 0	Pillow Cases, each	1 4	Sponge Bags, and Comb in Leather Case	10 8	Hair Brushes	1 8
Do. Pants	24 0	Waterproof Coats	12 8	Leather Purses	2 0	Velvasitte or Horn Combs	1 0
Sleeping Suits, each	6 8	Mosquito Curtains, Patent	2 0	Rug Straps, do	0 12	Pocket, in Leather Case	0 12
Cardigan Jackets	17 8	Cork Mattrasses	19 8	Cork Mattrasses	19 8	Shoe Horns	1 0
Waterproof Coats	9 8	Wool Down Quilts	18 0	English Feather Pillows	7 8	Overland Chains, Best	
Warm Gloves, per pair	10 0	Blankets, each	9 8	Horse Hair do	7 8	Birch Chains, from	6 0
Warm Mufflers, each	1 14	Long Rugs or Scotch Mauds	from 15 0	Travelling do	2 0	Hand Mirrors	2 0
Pin Scarfs	2 0	Waterproof Sheeting per Yard, 72 inch	6 8	Air Pillows	2 0	Best Hair de Cologne	1 4
Sailor's Knots	1 12	Toilet Covers, each	0 14	Leather Slippers	4 8	Tooth Paste	1 0
						Playing Cards	1 0

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Warm Suits	30 0	Travelling Hats	3-8 to 4 8	Cash Bags	6 12
Overcoats and Inverness Capes, from	35 0	Cardigan Jackets, very warm	9-8 to 12 8	Courier do	6 12
Dressing Gowns	9 to 20 0	Sheets, per pair	9 8	Money Belts	3 8
Pyjamas	3 0	Pillow Cases, each	1-4 to 2 8	Sovereign Boxes	3 to 4 8
Oxford Shirts, Collar attached	5 8	Blankets	each 10 8	Tiffin Baskets fitted	18 to 22 8
White do	4 8	Long Rugs or Scotch Mauds	10 to 15 0	Air Pillows	5 0
French Cambric do., Collar attached	4 8	Rezais or Quilts	5 8	Travelling do	1 8
English Cambric do	5 8	Ladies' Long Wool Shawls	from 22 0	English Feather do	7 8
Best Shrunk Flannel do.	8 8	Portmanteaus or Overland Trunks	12-8 to 23 0	Folding Camp Bedsteads	32 8
Silk and Wool do	8 8	Solid Leather do	49 0	Cork Mattrasses	19 8
Spun Silk do.	11 0	Extra Large do	75 0	Cotton do.	9 8
Bathing Drawers	2 0	Black Hide Bags	11 8	Waterproof Coats	10 0
Gents' Under Vests	3 8 to 6 0	Extra large do	24 0	60-Inch Drab Twill	22 0
Gents' Cotton Socks, doz.	5 8	Gladstone Bags	32 0	Portmanteaus or Overland Trunks	12-8 to 23 0
Warm do.	15 8	Ladies' Hide Bags	7 8	Waterproof Sheeting	6 0
Ladies' Under Vests	4-8 to 6 8	Travelling Writing Cases fitted	11 4	42-Inch White Waterproof	4 8
Ladies' White Cotton Hose do	12 8	Gents' Bags, fitted complete	73 0	Linen Faced Collars	0 12
Ladies' Heather Merino Hose do	9 8	Ladies' Carriage Bags, fitted complete	58 8	Linen Cuffs	do. 6 0
Childr n's White Cotton Socks, from do	3-8 to 12 8			Cambric Handkerchiefs	1 0
Heather Merino do	6-8 to 12 8			Warm Gloves	1-8 to 4 0
Ladies' Sun and Travelling Hats, from	8 to 10

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY EVENING, 23RD MARCH 1876.

REUTER'S telegram of yesterday evening reports the Liverpool Cotton Market as closing firm. Surats very firm, sales 16,000 bales, of which 5,000 were Surats. Spot prices as quoted showed an advance of 1-16d. per lb. in Fair Dholerah and Fair Oomrawuttee 4d. per lb. in Fair Bengals and 1-16d. per lb. in G. F. Westerns and Timnevelly. To arrive, Good Oomra with the F. G. F. clause February-March shipment Canal was quoted at 5¾d., Good Fair with the G. F. clause February to May shipment Canal at 5 1/8d., Good Broach with the F. G. F. clause March-April shipment Canal at 6 1/16d. per lb. Private telegrams confirm these figures as current in the morning, but last thing in the evening a duller feeling set in and some messages quote a relapse of 1-16d. per lb. in arrivals. This morning's market opened steady, probable sales 12,000, actual imports 5,000 bales.

The usual New York telegram has not come in up to the time of writing, and we are unable therefore to give our usual comparison of the receipts at the ports.

In the Manchester Piece Goods Market Reuter reports a good enquiry, but business checked by the higher prices asked. The London General Produce Markets are unaltered. At the Dutch Coffee auction held yesterday prices were irregular; Good Ordinary Java ranged from 55 to 55½ cents.

A further heavy payment into the Bank of England is reported yesterday—£365,000—making £429,900 paid in since last return. The tendency of late has been steadily in favour of greater ease, and it is by no means unlikely that we may see a reduction in the Bank rate in to-morrow morning's telegrams.

Consols this morning are quoted at 94¾. French Rentes at 105.

Bar Silver is given by Reuter at 52½d., a decline of ½d. per oz. which is confirmed by several private messages we have had heard of; at the same time rumours have been very generally circulated that the real quotation is 52d. However that may be, it has had no effect whatever on STERLING EXCHANGE. This morning rates opened quiet at a decline of 1-16d. for Bank Bills, Credits and Documents being nominally unchanged. During the day however, although no great pressure to sell was observable, the Banks showed greater firmness, and while naming the same drawing rates as in the morning, established an advance of 1-16d. in private bills, at which moreover they are by no means willing buyers. A movement of this kind in the face of the fall in Silver, shows very clearly that, although ultimately the value of the rupee will be ruled by the price of Silver, the moving influence in Exchange, so long as Council drafts are suspended, must be the state of the Money Market. The decline in rates yesterday morning brought out a great number of sellers, and the Banks probably bought pretty well up to the extent of their resources, so that we may look for some firmness until they get into funds again, and the probability is that we shall go on in this way throughout the season. The likelihood of cheap Silver, in the future especially during the monsoon, will make the average tendency downwards, but in the meantime we must look for considerable and frequent fluctuations, according to the position of the Banks. We quote to-day:—

Bank Bills, on demand.	...	1s. 8¾d.	per Rupee
Ditto, 6 months' sight	...	1s. 8¾d.	"
Credits, 3 months' sight	...	1s. 8 13-16d.	"
Documents, 3 months' sight	...	1s. 8¾d.	"

On Calcutta demand bills may be quoted at 99 15-16 and 60 days' sight at 99½ to 99¾. GOVERNMENT PAPER remains stagnant at unaltered values. Fours, Rs. 99; Fours-and-a-half-Rs. 99¾; Fives, and, a-half-Rs. 101½ to ½.

The SHARE MARKET to-day has been particularly quiet with scarcely a fluctuation in prices. Some little enquiry has been experienced for New Berar Press shares at Rs. 505, while Mofussils have been dull at Rs. 365. Bank of Bombays are unchanged and Spinning and Weaving shares are only just steady at previous rates.

COTTON to-day, although nominally higher in prices, has been much less active than yesterday. To begin with dealers asked an advance of Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 per candy on yesterday's closing prices, and ultimately some transactions did take place at a rise of Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per candy, but at the close we are virtually in about the same position as yesterday. Purchases have been reported of Mowa at Rs. 190, Akote at Rs. 192 Ginned Broach (half-pressed) at Rs. 207 and Good Fair Oomrawuttee at Rs. 180 per candy. The receipts from up-country yesterday were 5,412 bales, making 35,698 bales for the six days.

FREIGHTS have been moderately active at about yesterday's rates. The s.s. Harald Harfaager has been fixed for Liverpool by the speculators at £2-1-3 with concessions bringing down the actual average to within £1-18-9 and rates have since been done at £2, which may be quoted as the current rate for steamers. By sail we still quote £1-17-6 for Wood and £2-1-3 to £2-2-6 for Iron ships.

PIECE GOODS are firm but unaltered, nor is there much business passing.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s.s. ABYDOS, 714 tons, Captain F. G. Cumming, sailed yesterday for Kurrachee, in ballast.

THE s.s. SEISTAN, 984 tons, Captain R. T. C. Titman, arrived in harbour yesterday from Cardiff (February 14th) calling at Malta and Port Said, via the Suez Canal, with a cargo of 1,191 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. McCulloch, Beyts & Co.

THE S. I. S. N. CO.'s s.s. VINDOBALA, 315 tons, Captain J. Melville, arrived in harbour yesterday from Kattywar, Coast and Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers—Hon. Mr. Ravenscroft, Mr. Carrie, and three hundred and twenty-four deck passengers.

THE s.s. XANTHO, 1,453 tons, Captain Geo. Edward, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon (March 10th) with a cargo of 910 tons teak timber, and 18,206 bags rice. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. W. Nicol & Co.

THE SHIP CIRCASSIAN, 1,945 tons, Captain J. Clarke, which arrived in harbour on the 22nd instant from Liverpool (November 12th), brought a cargo of 2 303 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Pelly & Co.

THE AZOFF, 1160 tons, Captain Yarmawter, arrived in harbour on the 22nd instant from Cardiff 9th, Odessa 19th, and Suez 26th, February; Jeddah 6th and Aden 12th March, via the Suez Canal, with 2 bags specie, and four hundred, and sixteen pilgrims. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. W. Nicol & Co.

THE s.s. ALABAMA, 1,163 tons, Captain S. Green, sailed yesterday for Marseilles, via the Suez Canal, with a cargo of 9,211¼ cwts. groundnuts, 1,680 cwts. cocoanut oil, 395 cwts. horns, 10,044 cwts. linseed, 6,150 cwts. gingelly seed, 10,000 cwts. wheat, and 1,150 cwts. gingelly oil.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s.s. HINDOSTAN, 1,746 tons, Captain N. Roskell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden and Suez, with the English Mails and the following cargo—605 packages cottons, 26 bags cotton seed, 106 bales twist, 107 packages beads, 14 packages colour, 8 cases clocks, 6 cases saffron, 1 package E. teeth, 1 package tortoise shells, 341 packages sundry merchandise, 312 boxes specie, 1 box gold, and 1 box false pearls.

THE SHIP CHINA, reported by the commander of the M. and S. Co. as destroyed by fire on 9th instant, was a wooden ship of 1,048 tons register belonging to Messrs. Wright, South Shields, where she was built in 1863, and owned by Mr. W. Wright. She was loaded at Calcutta—with a cargo of jute by Messrs. Nicol, Fleming and Co., for Leith, and cleared from the Sandheads on 4th idem, so that she could only have been about 9 hours or so at sea when she caught fire. She was built by Russel of Quebec in 1863 and was classed for 8 years, being renewed for 5 years from 1871.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
22	Azoff (s)	Yarmawter	Cardiff, Feb 9.
23	Hindostan (s)	Roskell	Suez, Mar 10.
	Xantho (s)	Edward	Rangoon. Mar 10.
	Seistan (s)	Titman	Cardiff, Feb 14
	Vingoria (s)	Melville	Kurrachee, Mar 10.

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destinations.
23	H M S Jumna	D'Arcy	England.
	Abydos (s)	Cumming	Kurrachee.
	Alabama (s)	Green	Marseilles.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday:—Steamer Hindostan, to China, &c.
Steamer Harold Haarfager, o Liverpool.
Bargue Bahamanee, to Muscat and Mauritius.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.			
19	Futtalla (s)	Lang	Bombay, Feb 27.
	Belpore	Rogers	London, Nov 23.

DEPARTURES.

Mar.			
	Ocriah (s)	...	...
	Argyleshire	...	...

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.		
20	Almorick Castle	Bombay.

DEPARTURE.

Mar.		
19	Tibre (s)	Pondicherry and Galle.
21	Mecca (s)	Rangoon & N. Ports.

ADEN.

ARRIVALS.

Feb 14 Albuquerque, 8 Dr, Joss, from Sea.
Mar. 5 Sheldrake, G boat, Haye, from Plymouth.
6 Guy Mannering, s, Mann, from Jeddah.
9 Ven-tia, s, Bebok, from London.
9 Dj ferie, s, M nsoor, from Zeila.
9 Austin Friars, s, Newcomb, from Kurrachee.
10 May Flower, I G S, Guthrie, from Perim.
10 Egbert, s, Barwise, from Jeddah.
10 Persia, s, Murello, from Bombay.
10 Monarch, s, Rhodes, from London.
10 Medina, s, Russell, from Jeddah.
10 Standard, s, Blackmaw, from Bombay.
11 Proto, schooner, Glass, from Zeila.
11 Asoff, s, Jarmistein, from Jeddah.
11 Sindh, s, Rapatel, from Marseilles.
12 Australis, s, Murray, to Southampton.
12 St Olaf, s, Petersein, from Bombay.
12 Sumatra, s, Caboara, from Genova.
12 Caradoc, s, Young, from Jeddah.
12 Teherkask, s, Bravasich, from Bombay.
12 Ceylon, s, Orman, from Bombay.
13 Consett, s, Whittaker, from Jeddah.
13 Dr rset, ship, C ut es, from C rdiff.
14 G. and Duk , ship, Ward, from Cardiff.
14 Soto, s, Seabourne, from Bombay.
14 City of Baltimore, s, Tillson, from Bombay.

DEPARTURES.

9 Sheldrake G boat, Haye, to Hongkong.
9 G-y Mannering, s, Mann, to Bombay.
9 Venetia, s, Bad-t, to Bombay.
9 Ispheria, s, M nsoor, to Z la.
10 Aus i. Friars, s, Newcomb, to Antwerp.
10 Egbert, s, Barwis , to Bombay.
10 Persia, s, Murello, to Genova.
10 Man ash, s, Rhotes, to Liverpool.
10 Standard, s, Blackshaw, to Marseilles.
11 Sindh s, Rapatel, to China.
13 Medina, s, Russell, to Masawa.
12 Asoff, s, Jarmistein, to Bombay.
12 Australis, s, Murray, to Southampton.
12 St Olaf, s, Petersein, to London.
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VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

Albuquerque, S Dr, Joss, from Sea.
May Flow r, I G S, Guthrie from Perim.
Proto, sch oner, Glass, from Zeila.
Dor et ship. Courves, from Cardiff.
Grand Duke, sh p, Ward, from Cardiff.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
BOMBAY, 22nd March.

Means by observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected ... 32 deg. Fah	29·865
Temperature of the Air	85·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	73·6
Dew Point	69·3
Relative humidity of Air	·603
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8).	4·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9-30 a.m. on following day)	87·7
Minimum do do	77·9
General Direction of wind	NNW, NNE, NW, NNW, NW.
Movement of wind in 24 hours	473

DAILY IMPORTS.—MARCH 23.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Zealot s—3 cases soap, Mamedbhoy Esmaljee; 4,454 bars and 1,982 bundles iron, Ritchie, Stuart and Co; 1,146 bundles hoop iron, and 362 bundles steel hoops, Knoop and Co; 102 packages soap, Shurrifflily Heptoola; 10 runulets soft soap, S S Narrawalla

Atalanta s—10 cases biscuits, A K Shurifflally; 32 packages hardware, 20 cases thread, 40 cases clocks, 2 cases toys, and 4 cases perfumery, Ardaseer and Co.

FROM LONDON.

Rajpoot—2 cases geneva and 150 cases brandy, Jemsetjee Nowrojee.

Abydos s—26 cases sherry, and 3 cases whiskey, M Balfour; 50 tierces green capers, P S Kharegat; 61 casks beer, J B Ballesewala.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Sumatra s—112 packages corks, Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MARCH 23.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Cape Verde—100 bales cotton, Greaves, Cotton and Co.
Turkish Empire—3, 600 cwts linseed, Tyebjee and Co.
Helen Scott—200 bales cotton, Greaves, Cotton and Co; 150 bales cotton, Ritchie Steuart and Co.
Veddo s—35 bales cotton, Greaves, Cotton, and Co; 75 bales wool, Vussonjee Dewcoond; 50 bales wool, Hurjeevan Vussonjee; 150 bales cotton, Moolje Jaitha and Co.
Trafalgar s—340 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.
Persia—11 bales cotton, Vurdhman Poonsey and Co; 47½ cwts Myrabolams, Curseondass Purbhoodass.
Caradoc s—9 bales cotton, Sulleman Malladina; 68 bales cotton, Dhurumsey Narronjee; 250 bales cotton, C Bushby and Co; 500 bales cotton, Haddan and Co; 250 bales cotton, Finlay, Scott and Co; 500 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co. 260 cwts horns, Dawoodbhoy Hassum; 1,200 cwts linseed, Heptoola Shaik Ahmed and Co; 35 bales wool, Lilladhur Hurgydass.
Baron Colonsay—41 bales cotton, Heersehund Cooperchund.
Harald Haarfager s—26 cwts horns, Dawoodbhoy Hassum; 400 bales cotton, Nusserwanjee Mannekjee and Co; 239 bales cotton, Dinshaw Dadabhoy Ghandy and Co; 70 bales cotton Rungojee Ramjee; 80 cwts coir yarn, Nanjee Khuttow; 41 bales cotton, Vithuldass Goorjee.

FOR LONDON.

Dahlia s—10 cases fishmawa, Dawoodbhoy Hassum; 5 bales hides, Ludhabhoy Cassumbhoy; 6 bales hides, Remtoola Hajee Adom; 42 cwts coir fibre, Talub Arbee; 76 cases oilbanum, Dawjeebhoy Mahomed; 5 cases bloodstone, Ardaseer Dorabjee; 2 cases shawls, Rungelall Jewalanath; 3 cases shawls, M Monelall; 112 cwts dry ginger, Cursondass Runchordass.
Nubia s—27 bales hides, Hassum Noormahomed: 97 cwts Juxvomica, 30 cwts dry ginger, and 1 cwt cardamoms, Pursotum Jeetha; 34 cwts dry ginger, Noormahomed Esmail.
Pekin s—40 bundles skins, W Nicol and Co; 163 pieces E teeth, Munishunk r Hurryshunker; 59 pieces E teeth, Dhrumsee Velljee; 397 cwts rape seed, Ardaseer Cursetjee Dady and Co; 5 bales hides, Mamedbhoy Esmaljee.

FOR HULL.

Governor Tilly—11,250 cwts linseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR ANTWERP.

Dover Castle—8,100 cwts linseed, Wallace and Co.

FOR PORT SAID.

Goldenhorn s—3,000 cwts linseed, Wallace and Co.

FOR FALMOUTH.

Excelsior—1,000 bales cotton, Wallace and Co.
Queen of Ceylon—250 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Maningu—837 cwts pepper, Vinay and Co.
Madeline s—170 bales cotton, Tyebjee and Co.

FOR TRIESTE

Nubia s—100 bales cotton, Ewart, Latham and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Venetia s—300 bales cotton, Jules, Seigfried and Co.
Madras s—13,000 cwts gingelly seed, Ralli B others.
Castor s—6,000 cwts wheat, 3,000 cwts groundnuts and 3,000 cwts linseed, Ralli Brothers.
Sumatra s—1,000 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Sumatra s—2,000 cwts wheat, Volkart Brothers; 150 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Sumatra s—200 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR LEGHORN.

Sumatra s—999 cwts groundnuts, Volkart Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Goa s—10 cwts bysabole and 281 cwts red raisins, S N Tollatee.

HIGH COURT.—24TH MARCH.

Before the Hon'ble the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE GREEN.

Appeals for hearing and final disposal.

854-67—Jeffreson and Payne—Sonmar Ahmed and others vs Hajee Esmael Hajee Habib—Macfarlane and Pollock—For further directions and costs.

1018-67—Jeffreson and Payne—Sonmar Ahmed and others vs Hajee Esmael Hajee Habib—Macfarlane and Pollock—for further directions and costs.

642-73—Remington, Hore and Langley—Byramjee Nusserwanjee vs Cooverbai widow—Craigie, Lynch and Owen.

531-73—Tyabjee and Sayan—Dewraj Peerbhoy vs H W Norie—Inverarity and Cleveland.

168-75—Jefferson and Payne—Varim Shekha vs Lalljee Cutchra and others—Shapoorjee and Thackurdass.

Before the Honorable SIR CHARLES SARGENT.

LONG CAUSES.

285-75—Mr Fletcher—J M Nicolas vs J P De Mello—Craigie Lynch and Owen and Remington, Hore and Langly.

309-75—Brown and Wynter—Sulakrodass Lalchund and another vs Sakulchund Nagurdass—Jefferson and Payne.

429-75—Jefferson and Payne—Sewlall Bhowanidass vs Vurjevandass Madhowjee.

480-75—Macfarlane and Pollock—Moorarjee Topun and others vs Sodhe Vaikoont A and others—Lynch and Tobin.

514-75—Lynch and Tobin—The L B and M Bank Ld vs Dewjee Bhanjee—Remington, Hore and Langley.

Before the Honourable Mr JUSTICE BAYLEY.

LONG CAUSE.

369-75—Rimington, Hore and Langley—Abdool Satar, Hajee Mahomed vs Hajee Vydna Hajee E—Lynch and Tobin, Muljee and B and N K—Part heard.

Before the Honourable MR. JUSTICE PINHEY.

LONG CAUSES.

474-75—L Fletcher—Nanabhoy Ramchunder vs Pandoorung Hurrychundji and another—In person—Part heard.
601-75—Macfarlane and Pollock—Dajeeba Gopall vs Sha Sakalchand Nagardas—J C Cama.
15-76—J C Cama—Sakalchund Nagardass vs Dajiba Gopall—Macfarlane and Pollock.
581-75—Chalk and Turner—Lalji Jadowji and another vs Purshotum Khetsey—Macfarlane and Pollock.
388-75—Lynch and Tobin—The Land Mortgage B of India, Ld., vs Atmaram Mahomjee—Balkrishna and D.
415-75—M H Khan—Sha Goolabe and Nemchund vs Ullladhur Cullianjee and others—H Bicknell.
202-75—In pers n—Dawajee Ardaseer vs James Bapty—Jefferson and Payne.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—MARCH 21.

Lloyd, Major, Bambal Brigade Major, Belgaum, on leave, from Belgaum.
Pool, Captain, Bombay 5th Regt N L I on leave, from Poona.
Becher, Col, Bombay 26th Regt N I, on leave, from Poona.

MARCH 22.

Skimmee, Captain, Madras 31st Light Infantry, to appear before a Medl Board, from Raipore.
Browne, Lieut, Madras 43rd Light Infantry, on duty, from Deolalee.
Parr, Surg Major, Bombay A M D, on leave, from Kirkee.

MARCH 23.

Carter, Surg Major, Bombay I M D, on duty, from Gogo.
Castell, Major, Bombay 1st Belooch Regt, from furlough, from England.
Walford, Lieut, Bengal R A, on duty, from Deolalee.
Kay, Captain, Bombay 55th Regt, on leave, from Deolalee.
Saunders, Captain Bombay R A, on duty, from Baroda.
White, Surg, Bombay J M D, on duty, from Baroda.
Osborne, Captain, Bengal 31st Regt N I, to join, from England.

DEPARTURES.—MARCH 22.

Fagan, Captain, Bombay 17th Regt N I, to join, to Surat.

MARCH 23.

Clark, Surg Major, Bombay 2nd Queens, on leave, to Poona.
Mackie, Captain, Bombay 2nd Queens, on leave.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

BY THE HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.
(*Bombay Government Gazette*, March 23.)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Depy Asst Comsy James Cargin, Barrack Master, Bl E-bt, is allowed to proceed to Europe, on medical certificate, under the Furlough Regulations of 1869, in anticipation of the furlough which will be granted to him by the Govt of his own Presidency.

Local Surg-M. J. D Marks, attached to the 7th Fusiliers, is appointed Secy and Statistical Officer to the Surg-Genl, British Forces, vice Surg-Maj H Lamb.

Lieut-Col Commanding Invalid Officer is allowed furlough to Europe for eighteen months, from date of departure in May next, under Rule IX of the Furlough Regulations of 1868:—

Maj (Local Lt-Col) E C Rose, S C, Political Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Lt-Col W A Park, Infantry, is permitted to retire from the Service from the 3rd proximo, on the pension of his rank, viz, £365 per annum.

The undermentioned Officer, having completed twenty years's service, to be Maj from the date specified, subject to H M's approval:—

Staff Corps—Capt John Gilbert Erskine Griffith, 9th Mar 1876.

The furlough granted to Capt Peart, S C, in G G O No 147, dated 26th Feb, should be for 20 months, and not for 12 months, as therein stated.

The following Genl Order by the Govt of India, No 168, dated 18th Feb 1876, is republished:—

The undermentioned C loser of the S C, having completed five years' se-vice substantive in the rank promoted to the rank of Col by Brevet, from the date specified, under the operation of the Royal Warrant, dated 16th Jan 1861, Clause 2, subject to H M's approval:—

Lt-Col James Turner Hill, Bombay S C, 18th Feb 1876.

Capt A J T Welchman, Genl List, Bl Infy, is allowed to proceed to Europe, on medical certificate, under the Furlough Regulations of 1868, in anticipation of the furlough which will be granted to him by the Govt of his own Presidency.

The undermentioned Officer, having completed twenty years' service, to be Maj from the date specified, subject to H M's approval:—

Staff Corps—Capt Edward Cunningham, 29th March 1876.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The following arrangements are sanctioned:—

Mr Burjorjee Byramjee, 1st class Naval-Trained Engr of the Indian Govt Gun Boat, is allowed privilege leave of absence from that vessel in consequence of his period of s a service having expired), returning to the Presidency fr m Bushire, was provided with a 1st class passage on board the Brit h India n Steam Navigation Company's Steamer Sunbrates from the 19th Feb 1876.

Mr S McMullen, Asst Apothecary of the Indian Govt Gun Boat Hugh Rose, returning to the Presidency from Bushire, was provided with a 2nd class passage on board the British India Steam Navigation Company's Steamer Arcot, from the 26th Feb 1876, to Karrachee, and from thence to this port on board the British Indian Steam Navigation Company's Steamer Coconada.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council has been pleased to recognise the appointment of the Chevalier Jean Gallian as Consul for Italy at Bombay.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr E McG H Fulton to act as Judge and Sessions Judge at Shikarpur until further orders.

Messrs H F Aston and J A Baines respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of Asst Judge and Sessions Judge at Surat on the 10th inst, after office hours.

Mr Sadasiv Krishna Kale, Clerk of the first class Subordinate Judge's Court at Ratnagiri, was in charge of the current duties of that Court from 1st to 27th Feb 1876, both days inclusive, in addition to his own duties

Messrs H Bate and A Lyon respectively delivered over and received charge of the Office of Judge and Sessions Judge of the Khandesh Dist on the 14th March 1876, before office hours.

The Hon the Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay has been pleased to grant privilege leave of absence for a fortnight, from 13th March 1876 to Mr Mancherji Bamonji, Teun-lator and Interpreter, High Court.

The Hon the Governor in Council is pleased to confer on Mr Sivram Bapuji, Actg Mahalkari of Lanja, in the Ratnagiri Dist, the powers of a Mamlatdar under Bombay Act V of 1864.

The Hon the Govr in Council is pleased, under Act X of 1872, to invest Mr A Keyser, Mag of the first class in the Dist of Surat, with power to hear appeals from convictions by Mag of the second and third classes in the Talukas which are placed in his revenue charge (Sec 288).

Under Sec 40 of Act X of 1872, H E in Council is also pleased to appoint Mr Keyser to be Mag in charge of the Bulsar Division of the Surat Dist.

Rao Saheb Keshnath Ramchendra, received charge of the second class second grade, Subordinate Judge's Court at Sadar, in the Dharwar Dist, on the 13th March 1876, after office hours.

The Hon the Govr in Council is pleased to confer on Asam Lakshumanrao Mangesh, Probationary Mahalkari of Bhatkal, in the Honawar Taluka, in the Kanara Dist, the powers of a Mamlatdar under Bombay Act V of 1864.

Azam Hari Nilkant, Awal Karkun of Satara, in the Dist of Satara, is appointed to be a Mag of the third class under Sec 37 of Act X of 1872.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

In supersession of Govt Notification, dated 22nd ultimo, Mr W H Prescot is allowed additional privilege leave of absence for three months from the 10th inst.

Mr J L Johnston, Supernumerary Asst Collr, Ahmednagar, is allowed privilege leave of absence for three months from the 20th inst, and the Govt Notification dated 14th idem, cancelling that leave, is hereby withdrawn.

The appointment of Mr W Woodward to act as Collr and Mag of the Dist of Ratnagiri, notified under Govt Order of the 26th ultimo, is to have effect from the 25th Jan last.

The appointment of Mr A Pearse to act as first Asst Collr of Nasik, notified under Govt Order of 28th ultimo, is to have effect from 10th idem.

Mr A K Nairne acted as Collr and Mag of the Dist of Tanna, and Messrs J L Johnston and W Allen acted as first and second Asst Collrs, respectively, in that Dist, from 20th Feb to 8th Mar 1876, both days inclusive.

Mr J L Johnston acted as Collr and Mag of the Dist of Tanna, and Messrs W Allen and C E Proctor acted as first and second Asst Collrs, respectively, in that Dist from 9th to 19th Feb 1876, both days inclusive.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to make the following appointments in the List of Depy Collrs:—

In place of Mr Peston Jehangir—

Mr G Yate to be Depy Collr, the first grade, with effect from the date on which he became substantive *pro tem*, first grade, Mr Dracup to be Depy Collr, second grade, Mr Umedram Anandram to be Depy Collr, third grade, Mr Framji Maldanji to be Depy Collr, fourth grade, Mr Anandrao Bhaskar to be Depy Collr, fifth grade; these four appointments are to date retrospectively from 30th Oct 1874, the date of Mr Pestonji Jehangir's transfer to Baroda.

In place of Mr Cooverji Cawasji, and from the date of his transfer to Baroda—

Mr Framji Nassarwanji to be Depy Collr, second grade, Mr Chunilal Venilal to be Depy Collr, third grade, Mr Sadashiv Pandurang Kirtikar to be Depy Collr, fourth grade, and Mr Bomanji Edulji Modi to be Depy Collr, fifth grade.

In place of Mr Apaji Ramchandra, and from the date of his transfer to Satara—

Mr Jeejeebhoy Framjee to be Depy Collr, second grade, Mr Vishwanath Mandlik to be Depy Collr, third grade, Mr Sadashiv Pandurang Kirtikar to be Depy Collr, fourth grade, and Mr Bomanji Edulji Modi to be Depy Collr, fifth grade.

In place of Mr Hearn to be Depy Collr, third grade; Mr C W Richardson to be Depy Collr, fourth grade; Mr Balkrishna Devrao to be Depy Collr, fifth grade.

In place of Mr Lakshmon Jagannath, Mr Goldsmid to be fifth grade Depy Collr and to be substantive *pro tem* fourth grade Depy Collr.

Mr Jeejeebhoy Framjee to be Depy Collr, second grade, Mr Vishwanath Mandlik to be Depy Collr, third grade, Mr Sadashiv Pandurang Kirtikar to be Depy Collr, fourth grade, and Mr Bomanji Edulji Modi to be Depy Collr, fifth grade.

In place of Mr Apaji Ramchandra, and from the date of his transfer to Satara—

Mr Framji Nassarwanji to be Depy Collr, second grade, Mr Chunilal Venilal

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

THE SCINDE FRONTIER.

LAHORE, 23RD MARCH.

It is now stated positively that only a hundred sabres and three companies of Infantry have left Dera Gazee Khan to escort Major Sandeman to Khelat. No military offensive measures have yet been taken.

SIR SALAR JUNG'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

ALLAHABAD, 23RD MARCH.

Some doubt still hangs over Sir Salar Jung's meditated trip to England. Government are averse to it because the weight of the Minister's presence cannot be withdrawn without risk to public order; and also, it may be, to save Sir Salar rushing on to his discomfiture relative to the restitution of the Berars.

KHELAT AFFAIRS.

Matters are likely, according to the *Pioneer*, to be precipitated in Khelat. The supreme Government meditate something like a *coup de main* on behalf of the Khan. The Political Agent has be encharged to assist him in re-asserting his away over his refractory Chiefs and to so strengthen his position as to enable him mainly himself to restore that peace and order within his territories which have been the object of Major Sandeman's negociations.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE ENGLISH MAILS.

ADEN, 23RD MARCH.

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's s. s. Assam, with the outward English mails of 10th inst., left here for Bombay at 11 o'clock last night.

LONDON, 22ND MARCH.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Surats very firm.

The London Cotton Market has been very firm.

Fair Dhollera..... 4 9/16d.

In the Manchester Market there has been a good enquiry but business is checked by higher prices being asked.

3 per cent. Consols for Account .... 94⅜.

5 per cent. French Rents, 1872 .... 104⅜.

Bar Silver..... 52⅝.

The sum of £365,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

Departure—Bergen (not *arrival*) as reported in yesterday's telegram.

ORDERS, it is said, have been given for the Tenasserim to be in readiness by about the 7th proximo to convey H. E. Lord Northbrook to England.

THE cup and watch which Lord Napier gives annually among the prizes he so generously distributes to the troops, has been won this year by the Royal Scots. A sergeant of the 106th Hussars wins His Excellency's sword.

THE question of "precedence" as to station in the corridor leading to the House of Lords at the opening of Parliament by her Majesty, the vexed one as to escort of the Household Cavalry and the Yeomen of the Guard, has been decided by the Queen in favour of the Household Cavalry.

THE desirable and lucrative post of Purchaser of Remounts for the Royal Artillery, rendered vacant by the promotion to the rank of Major-General of Colonel Price, C.B., R.A., has been given to Colonel C. H. Henry, C. B., Royal Artillery, Aide-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief.

WE observe that Mr. J. Percy Leith, late of the firm of Messrs. Forbes and Co., of this city, has been nominated by the Paraguayan Government a Director of the National Bank of Paraguay, an institution intimately connected with Paraguayan national interests which was lately projected in London.

WITH reference to the "Moplah outbreak" the Calicut correspondent of the *Madras Times* tele graphs as follows:—"Twenty-four dacoities have taken place within the last two months at Angadiporam. Moithoonie, the ringleader, and fourteen others have been apprehended. Mr. Winterbotham has arrived."

THE death is recorded at the advanced age of 78, of Mr. Peter John, a retired Greek merchant of Calcutta. He was the oldest Greek inhabitant of Calcutta, and was highly esteemed and respected by the members of the Greek community. He had resided in Calcutta almost without intermission for forty years.

SHORTLY before the Serapis sailed from Bombay the Prince of Wales sent for the acceptance of the Officers' Mess of the "Queen's Own Madras Sappers and Miners," at Bangalore, portraits of His Royal Highness and of the Princess of Wales. The gift was accompanied by an appropriate letter from General Probyn to the Commandant of the corps.

THE Bill to limit the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts in the Bombay Presidency, in land revenue matters, will not be brought before the Legislative Council of India with a view to being passed at once. The Report of the Select Committee will be taken into consideration, but the passing of it will, the *Englishman* is informed, be delayed till Tuesday next. No notice seems, however, to have been taken of the memorial received from Bombay.

THE *Overland Mail* says that Lord Lytton, on arriving at Bombay, will go with Colonel Burne to Calcutta, and thence travel to Simla—the members of his family going direct to Simla from Bombay. It is understood that the following officers will be on the staff of the Viceroy:—Captain the Hon. George Villiers, Grenadier Guards; Lord Marcus Beresford, at present on the staff of Lord Northbrook; and Lieut. Harcourt R. Rose, 34th Regt., at present serving in India.

THE *Overland Mail*:—The, departure of Sir Frederick Haines is delayed a week or two, and the new Commander in-Chief of the Indian army is at the last moment compelled to abandon the idea of going out with Lord Lytton in H. M. S. Orontes. We believe that serious attention is being given at the present time at home to the paucity of officers with regiments in India. The subject is before the highest military authorities, and Sir Frederick Haines will be charged with special responsibility in regard to it.

It would be worth while considering, remarks the *Pioneer*, whether some attempt might not be made, in view of Lord Napier's approaching departure, to render his gold medal a permanent institution in the native army. Sir Frederick Haines would no doubt approve of the idea, and a small sum contributed from each regiment would create an adequate fund. Besides helping to keep up the useful emulation which the medal has excited, its permanent establishment as an endowed prize would be a recognition of the retiring Commander-in-Chief's liberality to the army.

Vanity Fair says—"There is no necessity for an Act of Parliament to empower the Queen to assume the title of Empress of India, for Lord Carnarvon has already conferred it upon her Majesty by his own proper act. A proclamation was issued to the people of the Malay Peninsula on the 2nd November, 1874, in which the Royal style and title are thus stated:—'Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, and Empress of India.' This proclamation Lord Carnarvon approved officially on the 17th December following, and there is therefore no need of any further steps being taken."

THE first of the reports for this season has just been issued showing the quantity of cotton sent to Bombay from the Central Provinces and Berar. It shows that up to 18th March 138 336 bales had been despatched. The Assistant Commissioner in charge of Cotton Statistics makes the following remarks on these figures:—"Comparing the total trade done up to date, we are now 97,580 bales short of last year's exports. This is the extent of the decrease that I anticipated in my forecast of the season published in January last. I see no reason to alter the figures then given. The present crop was a late one. Dealers have been holding back for higher rates, and I anticipate that from this time business will be more on a par with last year's scale, and that we may have 75,000 bales more before the rains."

JUDGMENT in the Great National Theatre case was delivered on Monday by the High Court, Calcutta. A technical objection, which had been taken by the standing counsel, was overruled. The Court considered it was to be regretted that the charge against the prisoners was not made specific, in regard to the representations and words alleged to have been obscene, before the accused persons were called upon to answer it; and that the Magistrate had not specified the words which he adjudged to be obscene within the meaning of sections 292 and 294 of the Indian Penal Code. The Court considered that the depositions and evidence did not afford ground upon which the Ma gistrate could legally arriv at his finding of fact, and that the words mad use of by the prisoners were not obscene within the meaning of sections 292 and 294, and they accordingly quashed the conviction.

A WRITER in *Vanity Fair* says:—Mr. Horsman is under the pleasing delusion that he has "vindicated his character" by applying for a criminal information against the *World* newspaper, and by then accepting the *World's* apology and withdrawal of the imputations made upon him. The assertion made by the *World* was that Mr. Horsman had "deprived" his brother-in-law, Sir John Ramsden, "with superior astuteness, of £400,000," and, as the Chief Justice said, the article imputed to him "conduct of the basest and most dishonourable character," and was "a libel of a most serious nature," and "sufficient to destroy his character." Mr. Horsman made an affidavit in which he set forth various money transactions with his brother-in-law, and denied the truth of the article; but when the case came on, his counsel announced that what the Lord Chief Justice aptly and advisedly described as "a compromise" had been effected, in pursuance of which the *World* was to withdraw and apologise for the article, and Mr. Horsman was to withdraw from the prosecution. The Court emphatically declared that it would be no party to this proceeding, and the public, left to draw its own conclusions, has drawn the conclusion that if Mr. Horsman, after beginning so boldly, thought it advisable to withdraw so lamely, it can only be because he does not feel sure of his ground. So far from vindicating his character by this proceeding, he has only provoked the most serious comments upon it, and he had far better have left the matter alone than do as he has done.

THE report of the Inspector-General of Recruiting for the year 1875, issued the day the mail left, states that the number of men who joined the service during the year was 18 464, as against 20 640 in 1874. There has consequently been a falling off in the numbers raised in the past year to the amount of 2,146 recruits, as compared with 1874; and the army in the aggregate is now 897 men below establishment. No special reason, we are told, can be assigned for this falling off, except that there was a good demand for labour and that the rate of wages obtainable was high in comparison with the pay of a soldier.

This is the usual answer to inquiries on the subject, and there can be no doubt that the direct advantages now offered by a military career can no longer compete in the labour market with the prevailing rate of wages in civil life among the class from which recruits are ordinarily drawn. This is more especially to be observed as regards full-grown able-bodied men. The consequence is that the deficiency is noticeable in the Brigade of Guards and in the Royal Artillery for gunners; both these arms of the service demanding men of a higher standard and of superior physique generally to the ordinary recruits. Great care has also been taken to ensure a proper description of recruits; as may be inferred from the fact that upwards of 5,000 of those offering for enlistment were rejected as ineligible; and it is an inevitable consequence that as quality improves so quantity decreases.

It may be taken for granted (the Inspector-General says) that no system of conscription or compulsory service is likely to find favour in this country, and that therefore the principle of voluntary enlistment must continue in force; but, in the present prosperous condition of the country as regards the rate of wages, the existing advantages, direct and indirect, which together form the remuneration offered to a soldier, are evidently insufficient to attract to the ranks men physically and intellectually suitable for service in sufficient numbers to supply our requirements. The report further remarks:—

It would, no doubt, be most desirable if none but full-grown men of twenty years and upwards were enlisted as soldiers; but the simple fact is, that in the present prosperous condition of the labouring classes, a military career does not offer sufficient advantages to men of that stamp who have already entered upon trades, professions, and other avocations, so that unless higher inducements are set forth, a large proportion of recruits must continue to be furnished from the youths of from eighteen to nineteen years of age, who have not settled down into any fixed mode of occupation, or who have failed in obtaining a livelihood by regular labour.

The report contains one satisfactory statement:—"In 1874 the number of desertions reported amounted to 5,572, while in 1875 their number has fallen to 4,382; a result which may be considered as a proof that the class of men joining the army is improving, or that those serving are more satisfied generally with their position and prospects."

DEPUTATION FROM MANCHESTER TO LORD LYTTON.

[SPECIAL REPORT FOR THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."]

ON Saturday, February 26, a deputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce had an interview with Lord Lytton at Buckland's Hotel Brook Street, London. There were present Mr. Ashworth, President of the Chamber, Mr. Cheetham, Vice-President, Mr. Browning, Secretary, Sir T. Basley, M.P., Mr. Birley, M.P., Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P., and Mr. J. K. Cross, M.P.

Mr. Cheetham stated that they had requested an interview with His Lordship because of their strong interest in India, and with the object of putting him in possession of their views and opinions. He did not know, nor did some of his colleagues, of the deputation a few days before to Lord Salisbury. That deputation devoted themselves to the question of how far the import duty of 5 per cent. on cotton was directly injurious to their interests. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce had advocated free trade for years, and had repeatedly represented to the India Board the inconsistency of maintaining the duty of 10, or as it was now, of 5 per cent. on cotton, and the 3 per cent. on yarns. They had addressed Lord Salisbury on the point, and were indebted to him for being so outspoken and honest in his condemnation of the impost. This was remarkable in a Secretary of State. As they considered that the 5 per cent. would disappear before long, they did not wish on this occasion to dwell upon it, but would rather draw attention to some features of the country considered as a trading community with them. In 1873-4, £15,100,000 worth of cloth and £2,600,000 of yarns was all the cotton material they sent to a people estimated at 220 or 240 millions, clothed mainly in cotton. This amounted to only 16d per head per annum. It was astounding that having had that country more than a hundred years we had not more thoroughly kept up our character as merchant adventurers. Had we done so, the development of the industry of the Indian people and our mercantile interests ought to have risen beyond £32,593,000 per year; £17,500,000 being in cotton, £1,000,000 in machinery, and the rest bitter beer, wine, and luxuries for the white tribe of people living in that country. It was not surprising, therefore, that the Manchester Chamber of Commerce should often be knocking at the doors of the India Office asking—"What are you doing that you do not further develope the interests of the people?" When he was, with Mr. Cheetham, connected with the Cotton Supply Association, they endeavoured to persuade the Government of the day to promote the cultivation of the soil in India. Supposing the working part of the people to be only one-fourth part of the 200 millions, they might, by getting only 10s. per annum more, make a very large income in the way of increasing traffic, and their own wealth, and thereby, the powers of taxation on the part of the Government. But no Government could very much increase the taxation in people so poor. (Lord Lytton—Quite so.) They therefore wished to impress upon His Lordship the importance of encouraging the industries of the people, and they believed that the 5 per cent. did check that freedom of intercourse which would extend the industry of the people and the commerce of England. The down trodden race of India had been very much depressed by our European intercourse. They never forgot that they were a conquered people, but if they were better used by the European people who went amongst them they would have more confidence in expending their own means. Under their own rulers they had their treasure and they did so still under our Government. They put it out of sight so that it might not fall into the hands of the Government. During the cotton famine, the Cotton Supply Association were greatly struck by the fact that, although they sent out fructifying material and impliments of various kinds, they could rarely get the ryots to make anything of their own. Thus they remained as they always had been with few wants. They were not oppressed by the Government taxes, which were admirably settled for 21 years at a valuation, and therefore like a man with a lease they knew what they had to pay for a long time to come. If then they had confidence they would begin immediately to improve their tenure. But the farm remained much the same as it was when it was in the hands of the grandfather of the present holder, who, being timid and shy, kept to himself whatever he accumulated. This arose from the nature of their relations with the Europeans. Soldiers coming home if asked about the natives, spoke of them as treacherous, lying, and deceitful, but these were the characteristics of a people who were oppressed or insulted. This was not solely owing to the military, for to the disgrace of the Europeans in Bombay, where the Europeans dealt largely with the Parsee who was richer than almost any of them, no native must put his foot inside the Club House. When such an eminent merchant as, say, Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, drove up with his carriage and four, anybody could of course come out to him, but he must not go inside. They hailed with satisfaction the visit of the Prince of Wales, for they trusted that as he would go to these Rajas and Princes and sit down with them and partake of their hospitality, this line of demarcation would be broken down between the black man and the white man, so that the white man would no longer think himself a superior being. Because one man was white and the other black, the latter must not go into the household of the white man; but the Prince of Wales would break that down. By increasing our intercourse with the natives we should induce them to invest their money in the improvement of the soil; and unless the soil was improved we had no source of increasing our commerce with their's. The *Times*, commenting on the deputation to Lord Salisbury in an article of Indian prompting—the writer looking from the Indian point of view and taking a very one-sided view of the case, made out, as many of the Indian papers did, that Manchester was a selfish individual disposed to screw something out of India. Now, the fact was that if they bought cotton they paid for it; and if their goods were bought they expected to be paid. The more they increase their intercourse with India the better it would be. When it was said that they wished the 5 per cent. duty to be taken off solely for the benefit of Manchester, their reply was: "You wish to keep on the 5 per cent. and to tax 200 millions of people to that extent on their clothing, for the benefit of the 1,000 investors in mills and the less than 10 000 people they employ." The result of keeping up a protective interest of this character would be an increase of vested interests which would eventually have to be bought off at something like 20 years' purchase. (Lord Lytton—Quite so). He had stated thus much because he did not like it to be supposed that Manchester selfishly wished to injure India. They maintained that the impost injured both sides. A writer in the *Times* said the investments in the mills in India was by natives; but this was not so. They were supported by English capital and skill, and conducted by Englishmen. Some of them were in the names of Indian people, but the shares were generally held by Englishmen; and undoubtedly all the machinery came from England.

Lord Lytton—Are you aware how far the Bombay mills are in native hands?

Mr. Ashworth replied that he knew one was held by an Indian firm, but still the bulk of the capital came from England.

Mr. Bright—The lists of these mills are not all come-at-able.

Mr. Ashworth added that all they could see was who managed the mills, and the matter was in such a small compass that they could name the manager of every mill. They did not fear fair competition, for then it would come to a neck and neck race as to who could produce the cheapest goods.

Mr. Cheetham, addressing His Lordship, said they had been in the habit of interesting a new Viceroy in their proceedings, and he hoped Lordship would not carry away an impression that in Lancashire they were always plotting in some low, selfish way, seeking their own advantage and disregarding the interests of the Empire. This was an altogether mistaken opinion, and he was sorry to say that it was fomented, not by the natives of India, but by our own countrymen, especially those residing in Bombay. In regard to the duties, Lord Salisbury had spoken of the smallness of income. He was one of those who had regretted the abandonment of the income tax, for he thought that with a little time it would have brought in sufficient income to meet this difficulty. They did not object to the removal of the duty by degrees, for that would be favourable than taking it off at one blow to merchants who might have stocks out in India. They, however, wished a commencement to be made at once. As it was a difficult thing to put a tax on India, their only remedy was to look to expenditure, and as Chairman of the Cotton Supply Association his attention had been drawn to extravagance in that respect. He found, for instance, that barracks were built in unhealthy positions so that the money spent upon them was thrown away. His Lordship would have power to correct this, for military men never thought of money and must be looked after. They had to complain of the *octroi* duties which in some municipalities amounted to seven per cent. which had to be added to the five per cent. in Bombay. Now, these gentlemen who had erected mills in India were favoured by the Government who allowed all machinery and steam engines to enter free of duty; while the mills had obtained five per cent. against English cloth, which was a tax upon the consumer. So that if there was any selfishness it was on the part of the proprietors in India. He hoped His Lordship would be able to act very early on the views of Lord Salisbury. The operative classes in Lancashire were entering very fully into the question; for it had been found, a few years ago, that of every 1s. which they were paid 9d. came from India. He would have to answer questions. Previous to the operations of the Cotton Supply Association the export of India was 300,000 bales of cotton. The American Civil War raised the price of cotton and with the assistance of the Government the ryots being stimulated in their cultivation of cotton, the trade had been raised to from £12,000,000 or £15 000,000. the employment of the ryots over a large portion of the Presidency of Bombay being of course largely increased. This trade merely needed extension. It was a mistake to speak of India as an important manufacturing country. It was to the soil that India must look for its prosperity. The Collectors might give great assistance in regard to the introduction of better instruments of agriculture and encourage the occupation of waste land, and so stimulate the cultivation of cotton. For its cultivation they required a special climate and a large population. The cultivation of jute had been much increased, and he had been told by merchants engaged in the importation of wheat from Kurrachee that coming through the Canal it could be brought safely to England, and that there might undoubtedly be a very extensive importation of wheat from India, only the Government should assist in the distribution of improved seed. His Lordship's predecessors had always asked why they as individuals did not do it. But it would be folly to send out Englishmen for the purpose who were not acquainted with the native languages, when we had in every district a most intelligent Commissioner who could take an interest naturally in the pursuits of the natives and give them the greatest assistance. The revenue from the land tax was more than 20 millions, and there was no reason why it should not be greatly increased by extended cultivation of the land.

Lord Lytton—Of course the revenue could only be gradually increased, because it is tied up for a time.

Mr. Cheetham replied that at the end of that time a new valuation would take place. He was however speaking of the cultivation of waste lands, by which an increase of revenue might be obtained. The real source of the wealth of India must be the elevation of the ryots and the masses, and that could only be done by encouraging the employments in which they were engaged. They were most advantageously engaged in the cultivation of the land, and by stimulating the production of any article which could come to this country they opened out further employment. It was vain to rely upon any special manufacture, for the people were not well out out for that. Of course to some extent that could be done, though he apprehended that the introduction of mills would gradually destroy the native land manufacture which had generally been calculated at half a million bales annually. He had no doubt that the Manchester manufacturers in fair competition with those mills could maintain their ground. All they wanted was free trade for their capital and industry. He trusted that His Lordship would second the opinions of Lord Salisbury, and would endeavour to introduce more intelligent views into the administration of the country. He feared that some of our old Indian men held old fashioned notions and narrow ideas, and wanted some one amongst them like His Lordship with broader and wider views of the world. They heartily wished him success in the great task he had undertaken.

Mr. Ashworth stated that the production of India in cotton had risen from £3,000 000 or 4,000 at the time when the Cotton Supply Association was formed to £13,200,000 by the last return; and he considered the Association deserved the credit of this improvement.

Lord Lytton—I gather that the raw cotton has considerably improved of late years.

Mr. Cheetham—Oh, yes.

Lord Lytton—And has every prospect of improving.

Mr. Cheetham feared that since the Cotton Supply Association closed its operations some of the instrumentalities which they approved had been lost sight of. Perhaps His Lordship would see what the Agricultural Department was doing. It would probably want some stimulant. Many strong remonstrations had been received from India at the cessation of the labours of the Cotton Supply Association from no less a person than Sir Bartle Frere.

Mr. Ashworth stated that the export of indigo had increased in ten years from £1.700 000 to £3 500,000; the export of rice from £4,000,000 to £5,500,000; and of raw jute from £1,500,000 to £3,043 000. These were new articles of industry which must be very beneficial to India. In conformation of Mr. Cheetham's observations in regard to wheat he might state that when the Association sent out seed to three of their own agents, the first consideration of the timid, gentle ryot was, "If I grow this new seed, and it fails, I shall lose by it; if it succeeds perhaps I may be highly taxed." It was evident that these impoverished people required much encouragement in regard to new industries.

Mr. Birley thought that some advantage might be gained by putting the Agricultural Department in India in communication with the Chamber of Commerce at Manchester or other towns taking a great interest in the development of the resources of India. They had done a great deal already and would be very glad to lend their assistance in disabusing the Indian mind of the idea that England was in antagonism to them. No part of the world had done more to benefit India both in exports and imports than Lancashire.

Lord Lytton said this suggestion appeared to be a very practical one.

Sir T. Bazley remarked that the Public Works of India required great attention, and both for the purposes of communication and irrigation, water, which had been well described as "the wealth of India," was invaluable. Without the administration of equal and just laws the prosperity of the people could not be promoted, but with the removal of some few remains of oppression greater prosperity could be developed. It was desirable that more should be done in the direction of destroying wild beasts, which were to be found in the most fertile parts of the country. The other day the Prince of Wales bravely killed in one time half a dozen tigers. He hoped the time would come when the land would be better employed than in the support of these animals. A striking instance of success in a new industry was found in the Himalaya tea, which in about a quarter of a century had been able to compete with China.

Lord Lytton, in reply to these and various other observations, said—I can assure you Sir Thomas Bazley, that it has been of the very greatest advantage to me, which I fully appreciate, to have had this opportunity of hearing from you the views and opinions of representatives of so many English interests in their connection with that great English dependency to which I am going. I have listened with the greatest and most particular attention to the expression of those opinions, and I am bound to say I do not think views and opinions could have been more moderately or more persuasively expressed than they have been by the members of this deputation. You will not of course expect from me any detailed reply upon the very important questions to which you have very considerately called my attention. On one of those questions the policy of Her Majesty's Government has been most distinctly repeatedly, emphatically, and honestly declared by the Secretary of State for India; I mean on the question of the cotton goods. I am sure we must all feel perfect faith in the sincerity and sympathy of those declarations, which have recorded what I may fairly call the fearless recognition on the part of Lord Salisbury of the impossibility practically of regarding as a permanent and unalterable source of Indian revenue those duties which, though levied ostensibly for revenue purposes, are undoubtedly in their effect as regards a branch of native manufacture—which I confess appears to me to be already favoured by natural advantages—protective and I have no doubt prohibitive as regards the same production of English manufactures. I am glad Sir T. Bazley alluded to the deputation which waited on Lord Salisbury the other day, because, if I rightly understand the policy of Her Majesty's Government on that subject I must say I do not think it deserves to be called dictatorial. I do not see that there is anything dictatorial in the English Government saying to the Indian Government, or in the Secretary of State saying to the Viceroy, "We are joint guardians of a common interest, and we are of opinion that Indian interests must suffer in the long run if they are systematically regarded and treated not merely as apart from but as antagonistic to English interests; and therefore we ask you to consider with us the possibility of reducing at the earliest possible opportunity these cotton duties, and of reducing them in such a way as to provide if possible, in their gradual but ultimate extinction. But of course in saying this we do not suggest, much less dictate to you, the Government of India, when that opportunity shall be, or what is the best and most convenient way of taking this step. These are questions which we leave to your discretion, fully recognising the difficulties of your situation and the paramount and primary obligation of every Indian Government to make the two ends meet, and avoid deficit, debt, and fresh taxation." I must say I do not think that is an unreasonable request for the English Government or address to the Indian Government. So far as I am personally concerned, I most frankly accept that point of departure for any future revision of the Indian tariff But I am sure I need hardly ask you in recognising the principles represented here by you to recognise also the great difficulties which surround every step that at all appears to involve the possibility of even a temporary derangement between income and expenditure in India. I heard a friend, to whom I was speaking a few days ago, liken the Indian Government to Gulliver tied down by the Lilliputians. It is apparently a great and despotic power, but its exercise of that power is contracted in all directions. The proverb reminds us that "Fernando cannot do more than a man can do," and that "a cat has only got its skin." I am afraid that at present the Indian revenue is a very tight cat, and a very shy cat, and a cat whose skin will bear very much stretching. The Government of India is charged with an extremely difficult task, as it seems to me, because it has to provide for the necessary cost of the maintenance of European state out of the meagre resources of an Asiatic revenue and the natural growth of that revenue, although promising, is certainly very slow, while every great department of the Indian Government is continually putting to it the old highwayman's "Your money or your life!" It has to face that question every day. It must pay or stop. That is the eternal fact of its position, and that is the problem—how it is to pay. I am afraid there are many considerations which will make the solution of that problem more and more difficult in India, as Mr. Cheetham truly said, in spite of its great territories, is a poor country, a country which is poor because the people are poor. About a third of the whole Indian revenue is now spent in England, and I fear that is a proportion which is increasing rather than otherwise. There is another fact. The value of the merchandise exported from India greatly exceeds the Indian imports, and the quantity of treasure annually imported into India during the last five years has been steadily declining. Of course this affects the value of silver injuriously, and the price of silver has been so much depreciated by various recent circumstances that at the present moment the Indian Government loses about 3d. on every rupee in the very heavy remittances it makes to England. And these remittances are getting heavier and heavier. They must do so from various reasons. In 1837 I found, looking into these facts the other day, that the amount of these sums required by the home treasury on behalf of India amounted to only £2,500,000. In the present year they are estimated at £15,000,000. One of the causes of that increase no doubt is the expenditure in India of about £2,000,000 of capital provided from Europe by the railway companies. But so long as that expenditure was in progress the sums required for it were deposited by the railway companies in the home treasury. Now the amount of these deposits has fallen below the amount of the withdrawals, and henceforward we must reckon on making remittances from India to England without the assistance of the railway companies. That is one difficulty. Then the famine has bequeathed to the debt which India pays in England an addition of about £5,000,000; and in consequence of the mutiny the whole charges on behalf of military expenses for re-organisation of the European army in India appear to me, in spite of every effort of restraint, to have a tendency to increase rather than to diminish. I do not think that is a very agreeable situation. I do not think one must live too much in a fool's paradise about surpluses which are, I fear, more or less book-keeping surpluses. The Indian Government must above everything else pay its way and make both ends meet. Mr. Cheetham and Sir Thomas Bazley both alluded to a consideration which I confess has very much occupied and interested me, and that is the possibility of encouraging native investments. I have very much considered the results of the small loans in France. You have more or less in France to deal with a similar state of things. You had in France a peasant proprietary more independent, more thriving, more industrious perhaps, more hard working, and with savings larger, but up to a recent period they were buried, and were so much dead capital. By these small subscriptions this capital has been mobilised, and has enormously increased the wealth of France. I have no doubt we have a similar situation in India, and I think it is a prospect to be very much studied. But, of course, that is a slow means of giving elasticity to the revenue, and the revenue by its natural growth increases so slowly that you cannot reckon upon it to heal very rapidly any breach you make in income. The difficulty of the cotton duties appears to be this: They are estimated at £900,000, about half the Customs revenue. I need not remind you that the question of diminishing that revenue has been recently dealt with by my predecessor. I find that situation when I go there. If, however, you diminish largely and rapidly one item of revenue by a reduction of taxation in one direction, the question arises whether you can replace it with taxation in another direction. I do not presume to remind you of all these facts with a view of for one moment qualifying the principle you have represented or my frank acceptance of it, but simply to bespeak your indulgence for the difficulties which I anticipate in carrying out that principle. Sir T. Bazley has said that the final word upon these duties is that they are condemned. I accept most frankly that point of departure. But I look upon that sentence with no such apprehension. It seems to me fraught with so many tremendous problems. There is hardly a source of Indian revenue, as I think, that political economy would quite approve of if there were a choice. For instance, there are the *octroi* duties, which have been mentioned. These are decidedly objectionable in theory. But then the Indians tell me that they are regarded as a source of municipal revenue, and that they press very little upon the people; that they are not much felt, and are probably a more popular tax than any other which could be devised for the same purpose. And though it is undoubtedly true that if you add the *octroi* duty which is paid on imported cottons to the duty which those cottons pay at the port they are heavily handicapped, still it is fair to remember that the *octroi* duties are not differential as regards cottons except in those towns which are actually the seats of native manufacture. They are not transit duties, but are levied on the actual consumption of goods within certain circumscribed limits of townships where they are assessed; and I believe the reason why these *octroi* duties not long ago were imposed upon cotton goods was that representations were made to the Government that if you are to have *octroi* duties at all they must be equally assessed upon rich and poor, and that the acceptation of that principle involved the subjection of cotton goods to these *octroi* duties. I can only repeat that I merely venture to remind you of these facts with the view of bespeaking your indulgence for my own efforts in dealing with all these questions, which are of course so new to me. I cannot thank you enough for the trouble you have taken in so kindly giving me an opportunity of talking them over with you. I shall lay very much to heart and bear in mind, I think, every one of the valuable suggestions and observations which you have been so kind as to make to me, and I am most grateful to you for the opportunity you have given me of hearing them.

Mr. Jacob Bright said there were two ways of making "both ends meet;" one by increasing income, and the other by reducing expenditure. All Governments had too great a tendency to increase expenditure unless there were some countervailing influence. In England and other countries with parliaments there were often very strong influences in the opposite direction; but in India, where there was not much influence of that sort, it was extremely likely that a tendency towards growth of expense existed which was not justifiable, and which might be corrected by a strong will.

Lord Lytton was fully impressed with this fact.

Mr. Bright hoped His Lordship would find it possible to make a change in that respect, and so far to reduce expenditure as might have the effect of giving the people relief with regard to taxation.

Lord Lytton replied that one of the great difficulties of the Indian Government arose from the fact that the departments were always, like the daughter of the horse leech, crying "Give, give," but an inducement to resist temptations to expenditure was found in the dire and terrible necessity of the situation, with which no Government could consciously trifle, for they were living on the edge of a knife financially, and had no provision for a day of need, although such a day must always be regarded as at hand. He believed there had been very wasteful expenditure on public works. Still, it must be remembered that we had to keep up the efficiency of our services in India.

The interview was then brought to a close, having lasted an hour and a half.

THE COWASJEE JEHANGIER STATUE.

THE statue which has been erected by public subscription to commemorate the widely extended philanthropy of Sir Cowasjee Jehangier, has recently been placed in its permanent position in the Convocation Hall of the University, where the formal ceremony of unveiling was performed yesterday evening by the Hon. James Gibbs. The statue is of pure white marble, and is the work of Mr. Thomas Woolner. The effigy represents a much younger looking man than those who have known the original of late years will remember him, having been executed from a photograph of Sir Cowasjee, taken when he was in the prime of life. The position of the statue is on the left hand side of the entrance door, and the worthy Knight is represented standing erect, with his hands crossed in front, and facing straight in the hall. The figure is clothed in the Parsee ceremonial full dress, viz.—a plain white gown with band and tall hat. This is the first statue that has been placed in the hall, and looks,—not out of place, but a trifle peculiar in its solitary position. The appearance of the hall would be greatly enhanced by a corresponding figure on the other side, and all round are favourable positions in which monuments of many prominent Bombay citizens, past and present, may be placed, to the honour of the town, and with the effect of greatly enhancing the beauty of the already very handsome building in which Convocations of our University are held.

A large number of people assembled to witness the ceremony, including the leading representatives of almost every section of the community, with the exception of the native ladies. The absence of Parsee ladies was conspicuous, because they are in the habit of attending interesting public ceremonies, and it might fairly have been supposed that an occasion of honouring one of the chief members of their countrymen would have had exceptional attractions for them. Mrs. Gibbs accompanied the Hon. Mr. Gibbs, and among the gentlemen present were the Hon. Mr. Rogers, the Hon. Major General Kennedy, the Hon. Khan Bahadur Pudamjee Pestonjee, the Hon. Rao Saheb Vishwanath Mandlik, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Mr Justice Bayley, Mr. Justice West, Mr. Justice Nanabhai Haridas, Mr. David Sassoon, Mr. Marriott, Mr. Lang, Mr. Maclean, D. C. P., Mr. Marjoribanks, the Rev. Mr. Boyd, Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee, Mr. Hormusjee Wadia, Mr. Manecksjee Cursetjee, Mr. Raghoonath Narayen Khote, Mr. Hormusjee Wadia, Mr. Nana Morojee and Mr. Budroodin Tyabjee.

Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee made the following statement:—

HONOURABLE SIR,—By desire of the President and members of the Committee of the Sir Cowasjee Jehangier Statue Fund, I beg to state, for the information of the ladies and gentlemen who have met here this day to do honour to one of our most philanthropic and distinguished citizens, the circumstances under which the movement for raising the statue now to be unveiled, originated. The most conspicuous of Sir Cowasjee Jehangier's princely benefactions have been for the encouragement and advancement of education in this city. This University Hall, the Elphinstone College Building, and the Civil Engineering College at Poona are permanent monuments of the liberal aid he has extended to the cause of education. The Principal, Professors, and Graduates of the Elphinstone College therefore desired to mark, in some special manner, their sense of Sir Cowasjee's benefactions which bore close relation to themselves, and they resolved to place a marble bust in the Elphinstone College at their own cost. On this fact coming to the knowledge of the friends and admirers of Sir Cowasjee who are, as we all know not few, they thought that the public generally would be glad to take up the question of raising a statue to Sir Cowasjee Jehangier, whose charities and benefactions had not been confined to any one particular object, but freely extended far and wide, and to all institutions without distinction of race, colour, or creed. Mr. Orchard, the present Director of Public Instruction, who was then Principal of the Elphinstone College, was communicated with, and it was resolved to merge the project first referred to into a general movement to do honour to Sir Cowasjee. Most of the influential members of the community of this city willingly consented to co-operate in this movement in the right in a fitting manner, the great benefits which Sir Cowasjee had conferred upon Bombay and other parts of this Presidency. A meeting was accordingly convened on the 11th of October 1871, at Mazagon Castle. Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Baronet, was called to the chair, and a statement of the good works performed by Sir Cowasjee was read to the meeting.

After this statement was read to the meeting, the general desire of the gentlemen present appeared to be in favour of erecting in Bombay a statue of Sir Cowasjee, and on the motion of the Hon'ble Mr. Gibbs it was unanimously resolved, "that the memorandum before the meeting be adopted, and published in the English and Vernacular newspapers, and that subscriptions be invited for the purpose of carrying out the object of this meeting."

This was accordingly done, and so great was the desire in the community to do honour to Sir Cowasjee Jehangier, that subscriptions came in rapidly, and Rupees 27,916-14-4 were collected. Mr. Thomas Woolner, the well-known sculptor, was, as you, the Hon'ble Sir, are aware, highly recommended by the Right Hon'ble Sir Bartle Frere, yourself, and others as an able artist; and the execution of Sir Cowasjee's statue was entrusted to his hands. With what taste, skill, and satisfaction he has executed the task will be seen by us all here to-day. I may state, on behalf of the Committee, that they are highly pleased with the statue. I am also requested by the Committee to take this opportunity to thank the University authorities for allowing the statue to be placed in this hall which bears Sir Cowasjee's name and than which no better or more suitable place could have been found. It only remains for me now, Hon'ble Sir, to thank you in the name of the President and the Committee of the Statue Fund, for the great interest you have, from the commencement, taken in connection with this statue, and to request you now to unveil it. At the same time, I beg to inform you, that as the oldest European friend of Sir Cowasjee now in Bombay, it will greatly gratify that gentleman to know that his statue has been unveiled by your hands.

The Hon. Mr. Gibbs, in reply, said—Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, ladies and gentlemen—It gives me great pleasure to accede to the kind wish of my old friend Sir Cowasjee Jehangier Readymoney, to unveil the statue, which has been erected by his friends, native and European, to mark their high appreciation of his character as a philanthropist and citizen. As you observed, Sir, Sir Cowasjee Jehangier's charities are known far beyond the limits of the Bombay Presidency. They have been extended to all creeds and all castes, European and Asiatic. The starving cultivator of India and of Persia; the distressed workmen of England; the sick and the afflicted of all nations; the wounded and the prisoners in the Franco-German war, have all received the benefits of his Catholic charity. (Applause.) Education and science have received from him large grants and there is hardly a class which has not received benefits—often unsolicited,—from his liberal hand. It fell to my lot, some few years ago, to present to Sir Cowasjee Jehangier, an address which was signed by upwards of 2,000 of his fellow citizens, congratulating him on the honour Her Majesty had just conferred on him of Knighthood. (Hear, hear.) At that time, I had an opportunity of expatiating more fully than is necessary this evening on his charity and good works; and I had also the pleasure of bringing before the public another phase of Sir Cowasjee Jehangier's character—one which was forgotten by many, and unknown, perhaps, to most, viz.:—that at one time, shortly after a great trouble in this country, Sir Cowasjee came forward and assisted the State, in a marked manner at a time when great tact and care were required to prevent that new impost the

they obtained. Some doubt had been thrown on his figures out of doors, but the objections to them had been made in so general a way that he had no opportunity of meeting them if they were erroneous, which however, he did not admit. Still, in dealing with a question so large and so full of detail, it was almost impossible for any man, however careful, not at times to be misled; and, if the figures he adduced could be shown to be inaccurate, he would be glad to be corrected. These which he was about to quote were derived from official sources. In November, 1870, certain questions were sent to the commanding officers of Militia in the United Kingdom, and one of them related to the number of recruits they then obtained annually. He took the average in Great Britain only during the three or four years previous to 1870, because the recruiting and training in Ireland were in those years both irregular. Previous to 1870, then, in Great Britain the average number of those recruits was 15,290 each year. The number of privates who went up for training, according to the War Office Returns in March 1870, was 69,995. Taking the four years after 1870—namely, 1871-2-3-4, the number of recruits obtained on the average was 21,030; and the number of privates who attended training in 1874 was 63,857. Therefore, while the recruits obtained after 1870 were 4,700 more than they were before 1870, the number of men who went up for training was 6,000 fewer. In 1872, the measure for the localization of the forces was passed with a clear understanding that it was expressly to benefit the Militia. Two desertions from the Militia, taking the years 1868 and 1874 showed a marked and extraordinary increase. The figures he would use were for the United Kingdom. The number of deserters advertised in 1869 was 3,836; in 1874 it was 10,500; and the number was not diminishing, for in 1875 it was 10,800. Of the 688,000 men who appeared for training in 1874, 22,000 were from the Militia Reserve—a force not quite so shifting as the Regular Militia, being engaged for five years at an annual retaining fee. That was the whole outcome of the 21,000 recruits then obtained annually for the Militia. As three-fourths of the officers were amateurs, unacquainted with military affairs, how could it be expected that the men to be led and instructed by them should be such as the country could have confidence in? No doubt, some of those who joined the Militia would not join the Regular Army, but the great mass would do so. During the Crimean War a large body of the Militia went to the Crimea, and during the only time this century when recruiting for the Militia ceased—in 1807, under Mr. Wyndham's Act—the result was highly satisfactory. The Duke of Cambridge stated in June, 1866, before the Royal Commission on Recruiting, that the moment they recruited for the Militia as they did for the Line there was no doubt that the Militia interfered to a great extent with the Army, because many a man who now enlisted for the Militia would go into the Army. The Militia, then, was not a "feeder" for the Army, but exactly the reverse. He now came to his second proposition—viz., that the present practice of retaining men in barracks longer than was required to make them efficient soldiers was vicious and immoral. We now kept infantry soldiers at least six years in barracks, and the cavalry and artillery eight years. We took recruits from 18 and upwards when they were incapable of hard drill, thus filling our barracks with thousands of nurselings not ready for the drill sergeants' hands, and feeding and clothing them for six or eight years, whereas under a sound system we need not keep them in barracks longer than two years. If we obtained a youth of 20, we kept him there for six or eight years instead of two, a thing productive of idleness and mischief, it being patent to all that a long barrack life was pernicious. The best trained troops in Europe were not kept more than two years in barracks. It might be said that the British officer could not turn out a good soldier in two years with the present material, and perhaps he could not; but with good material why should he not do so as quickly and as well as the Prussian officer now did? He read a letter from an experienced British officer, who expressed his belief that 14 months of continuous training at high pressure would make an Englishman a thorough infantry soldier as to the drill and the use of his weapon; while the Cavalry and the Artillery would require a somewhat longer training. Another gentleman, whose connexion with the Army dated from the Crimean War, said officers took little or no part in the real teaching of the men—which in Prussia was considered of great importance—their time being mostly taken up with a number of trivial duties which had nothing to do with their proper business of fighting. Now, he had no doubt English officers, if we gave them the opportunity, would turn out as good soldiers as any other officers in Europe. He was not arguing on a mere theory; the superiority of the Prussian system of administration was practically demonstrated. For every 10,000 men that Prussia obtained annually, she had at the end of seven years an accumulated force of 60,000 between 20 and 27 years of age, and at the end of 12 years 90,000 between 20 and 32 years of age; and during the whole of that time there were never more than from 18,000 to 20 000 men in barracks at once. The principle of the Prussian system was accumulation, while that of ours was dispersion. In the four years following 1871 we had obtained 197,000 men. He ventured to say that only three-fourths of that number, taken under a proper system of administration, would have given us a much larger and better force than we now had. In Prussia, where conscription prevailed, everything possible was done to reduce the evils of barrack life, and why in England should we not make similar efforts in that direction? Our system in respect of morality was as barbarous as it could well be. (Hear, hear.) We were at the present moment keeping 70,000 or 80,000 men in enforced celibacy in barracks while by letting our men go home at the end of two years we should never have more than 40,000 or 50,000 men in barracks at one time. A letter, recently published, gave a striking instance of the evils of our present system. Three or four families, it was stated, were living in one open barrack room, women and girls having to dress and undress in the presence of two or three men, besides their husbands and fathers. Fortunately, in that instance, the Secretary of War had intervened; but it was to be feared that such cases were not infrequent. With regard to short service, he would, no doubt, be told that it was incompatible with our Indian and foreign requirements; but the more that objection was examined, the more fallacious it would be found to be. Both as regarded going out and coming home, the present system of bi-ther two and four short service was pernicious. Regiments or battalions sent out to India were largely composed of men too young or too old, while many of the soldiers on coming home were incapable of doing the hard work required in this country after their Indian experience. To give the men a choice of service would, he believed, be a great encouragement to recruiting. Sir John Burgoyne in 1869 said:—

"One great difficulty in enlistment for a short period is that it is quite incompatible with the East India and Colonial service, but, perhaps, it might be met by enlisting men expressly for that service. Such a system would perhaps also tend to induce many a valuable recruit to enter the service."

Many working men, indeed, had told him that, no matter what price was offered, they would have nothing to do with military service so long as they were subject to be sent anywhere in time of piece. He had been told that one half of the desertions arose from the circumstance of their being no choice of service, and a case had come under his own notice in which a man who, desiring Indian service, had deserted from his own regiment to enlist in one going to India, and who was now undergoing imprisonment with hard labour in consequence. The man had wanted to exchange, but that privilege had been refused him, for the theory and practice of exchanges were not understood in the case of the common soldier. On the other hand, men were sent to India who did not wish to go. He recently received a letter from one of his constituents, who complained that his son, having been enlisted at the age of 14 years and 11 months, was about to be sent to India at the age of 15 years and 8 months, and that he had vainly tried to obtain his discharge. The recruiting sergeant, according to the boy, had told him not to give his proper age. It was true that this was a one-sided statement (hear, hear), and that from inquiries he had made at the War Office it appeared the sergeant denied the boy's story (hear); but the case illustrated the evil side of the present system of foreign service. He had had some correspondence with the War Office on the matter, and they said they would look into the youth back from India. The father offered to pay £30 to get his son off, but this was refused, it being said that the lad could be bought off, in India. The father of this lad had another son in the Army, who was enlisted at the age of 14, and taken out to India under 17; "but," said the letter he had from this boy's father, "I need not trouble you about him, as his health is so broken down that he is coming home." It would be seen they were sending people to India who were very young and very unwilling to go. Previous to our taking over India, out of 20,000 recruits, only four were under 18 years of age, and these four were discovered to be band boys. This was a question of great importance to India as well as to ourselves. He read an article from the *Bombay Gazette* of the 26th of October last year, which made strong comments on the system which prevailed of sending out boys, who were buried by thousands, and advocating a local Army. This showed the subject was not escaping notice in India. He was not in favour of a local army but he, for one, was prepared to vote for it in preference to the present system. He thought the present system was eminently disheartening towards India. India ought to be allowed to recruit for herself in the recruiting markets of the whole country. Our Indian and Colonial services might be made the most attractive services the world had ever seen. As to the Indian Army it had been greatly improved since the Mutiny. Before that, the proportion of English troops to the Native Army was 62,000, as against 268 000; whereas now there were 60,000 English to 120,000 Native soldiers. The question arose how they were to get their men. They should get them precisely as Cromwell got his men. (A laugh.) Cromwell said, "I want good soldiers and good men—honest, sober Christians who expect to be used like men." (Hear, hear.) Cromwell placed them on such terms before everything. They might raise their pay as much as they liked; until they changed their treatment and their terms, it was all no use. In Cromwell's time the agricultural labourer was paid 4s. a week, and the artisan 6s. a week; Cromwell offered 7s., and he had the choice. (Hear.) They had had many changes in the Army lately, and he thought it had become worse and worse. They should begin by securing better men, and if they carried out the plan he proposed, they would not have so many men in barracks as they had at present. As to the cost of obtaining men, any hon. member could calculate it for himself. If they had 40,000 or 50,000 less men in barracks, saving in food, clothing, and pay, it would be considerable. There would be a saving of £1,200,000 in the abolition of the Militia, and there would be a great reduction in the cost of hospitals and prisons, and in the amount paid in pensions. If they gave to the soldier pay equal to what they paid the police or the commoner class of railway servants, he believed they would have a large profit on the present system. He wished in the next place to say a few words with respect to the amendment which the hon. and gallant General opposite was about to propose. From its wording one might suppose that our barracks were most admirable schools of discipline and morality, and that "sweetness and light" at once descended on any bad character who might enter them. Facts, however, he thought, proved that such an idea was delusive; for the report of the Inspector-General of Military Prisons for 1874 showed that while the average number of our Army at home was during that year 93,000, sentences of Courts-martial had been passed on 9,114, while the minor punishments inflicted by commanding officers were 162,494. In six years the report went on to say, 10,555 men had been discharged as bad characters, and under these circumstances it could, in his opinion, hardly be fairly contested that the barracks of the United Kingdom were good schools of morality and discipline. The gallant Colonel, he might add, went on to state that the fact of our having varied forces tended to utilize for military service a larger proportion of the population than would otherwise be found available, but he had entirely left out of sight the Reserve, which was the force to which the nations of Europe were mainly looking to year after year. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman, having thanking the House for the patience with which it had listened to him, concluded by moving—

"That, in the opinion of this House, the present condition of the British Army is most unsatisfactory and its cost extravagant; that our present practice of retaining men in barracks for Home service longer than is necessary to make them efficient and thorough soldiers is vicious and immoral; and that, having regard to the efficient defence of the country, it is inexpedient to maintain two rival paid forces in the United Kingdom."

General Shute strongly opposed both branches of the Resolution, maintaining that the admirable regimental discipline enforced in the barrack-rooms of the Army has tended to reform the intemperate and immoral characters who may join the Army. Two years were not sufficient to form habits of discipline, and he emphatically denied that the discipline of the Prussian Army was equal to ours. He deprecated the abolition of any one of our different Services, believing that we thus got the services of many men who would not join the Army; and with regard to the Militia he asserted that in times of emergency it had always stood the country in good stead.

Sir R Gilpin defended the Militia against Mr. Holms's depreciatory remarks, quoting the Duke of Wellington's eulogium and the good service it had done in the Crimea, and warned Mr. Hardy not to give too ready an ear to "quacks."

Mr. Pease referred to the Military Prisons Report, inferring from the large percentage of punishments that the moral condition is unsatisfactory.

Sir W. Bartleot was of opinion that Mr. Holms had entirely failed to prove either of his propositions. He disapproved entirely the proposal to abolish the Militia, and, diverging into a discussion of Mr. Hardy's policy, he warmly commended the proposal to raise the pay of the non-commissioned officers, and to establish Deferred Pay.

Mr. Price defended the Militia. Mr. Anderson, also, though he thought it capable of many improvements, objected to its abolition. Sir H. Havelock showed the inapplicability of any comparison between the English and Prussian systems, and Sir William Fraser deprecated remarks which might spread the impression that a soldier's career was unworthy of a respectable man

Mr. Campbell-Bannerman dissented from Mr. Holms's motion, maintaining that all the returns showed the Army to be improving. Two years' service he thought quite inadequate, and the Militia he held to be a valuable auxiliary to and feeder for the Regular Army.

Sir G. Campbell was apprehensive that in this matter great injustice might be done to India. Both sides of the House had agreed to accept the short service system, with a large Reserve behind it on the Continental plan. From a purely English point of view, no doubt that was the proper system to adopt; but we were in a different position from the Continental States, because we had to supply the necessities of our vast Empire in India. (Hear, hear.) He thought the question of providing troops for India ought to be taken into consideration in discussing the short service system; for otherwise we might ultimately discover that we had established a system well adapted for home purposes, but not applicable to India. The short service system was not at present thoroughly settled, and consequently there was considerable difficulty in ascertaining what was the system actually in force in this country. The period of six years was a most unhappy medium, it being too long for service at home and too short for service in India. (Hear, hear.) Under the 12 years' system, a soldier on the average spent over six years in India, but under the six years' system the average time spent in India would probably be less than three years. What he wished particularly to impress upon the Secretary of State was that not only would the Indian Army cost more than it now did under short service, but that it would be infinitely less efficient than it now was. While in India he had seen a good deal of service with troops, and he had been immensely impressed with the difference between seasoned regiments and new regiments. The former were far better and more efficient soldiers, and were also experienced in the ways of the country, knowing how to make themselves comfortable. He feared that under the six years' system there could not be an efficient army in India. The regiments there would consist of comparatively young men; and this would be a great evil. The Indian Army was not always stationed in the hot plains. Under the present system half the European soldiers were in the hills, in a climate quite as good as our own. Eight or ten years' service was not, therefore, too much to expect from soldiers in India. Civilians were now required to pass eight years in India before they were entitled to a furlough and until recently they were required to pass ten years. The same time would not be too long for soldiers, with the proviso, of course, that any man whose health broke down should be sent home. The Indian Army must be composed of men who made the Army their profession; and he hoped that the Secretary of State for War would speedily settle the question of military service in India.

Colonel Egerton Leigh spoke in favour of the Militia. Major Beaumont supported the Resolution, and Captain Nolan, Captain Home, and Colonel Loyd Lindsay also made some observations.

Mr. Muntz was opposed to the abolition of that economical and Constitutional force the Militia, and thought it most unwise to use language, either in speeches or Resolutions which lowered the Army in the eyes of the people or led foreign Powers to think that we were weak and powerless.

Mr. Hay said he could not agree with a good many of the remarks which had been made this evening with respect to the course taken by the hon. member for Hackney. No doubt the hon gentleman addressed the House to-night in a very different tone from what he had adopted in the country. But he took particular exception to the course followed by the hon. member in one particular, which seemed of the very worst kind of precedent, and calculated to bring discussion about the Army altogether into disrepute. The hon. member called together political parties in two places, and addressed his remarks about the Army, not to the public in general but the parties of his own particular views. Such a proceeding as that seemed calculated to reduce questions of vital national importance to the level of mere Party squabbles, and tended to introduce complications and difficulties which it would be far better to avoid. (Cheers.) The hon. member had justified himself on the ground that the Conservatives had made the Militia a party question, and that they had encouraged it simply for the purpose of securing places for the county families and obtaining for themselves county influence. A more extraordinary charge or one less justified by the facts, he had never heard in the whole course of his life. (Cheers.) He was sorry to say that the course which he thought it just to adopt with respect to Adjutants and others, was not in accordance with the wishes of some of his friends in the Militia; but that was what he thought the right course to make the Militia of use to the country, and he carried it into effect without regard to those feelings to which the hon. member for Hackney had alluded. The hon. member said:—

"We could not to-day, from all the crowds of men that we have, muster in these islands 50,000 who could be regarded, either as to age or training, as equal to the soldiers of Prussia."

Now, he must protest against a statement of that kind. (Cheers.) If the hon. member would look at the returns he had in his hand he would find, even on his own showing, that on the 1st of January, 1875, while we had 13,806 under 20 in the Army at home, we had 59,979 men between 20 and 35, or, in round numbers, 60,000. Would the hon. member venture to assert that out of that 60,000 men we could not find 50,000 between 20 and 35 competent to meet any Army in the world? (Cheers)

Mr. Holms—I said between 20 and 32, the age of the Prussian Army.

Mr. Hardy said, from his experience of men of 35 he did not think the addition of three years to their age would make them incompetent to fight. (A laugh.) But, at the same time, he had no doubt that between 20 and 32, 50,000 such men would be found. While he wished that the Army should be as thoroughly discussed as any gentleman could desire to discuss it, he wished that that should be done in language and in a manner not calculated to give offence to the Army at home or encouragement to our enemies abroad. (Hear.) The language of the hon. gentleman who had last spoken was much more consonant to his feelings. (Hear.) The Army, no doubt, was maintained at a high cost. However, it must be said with those who asked the House for money to expend upon Army purposes to show that the object was worthy of the cost and if the House did not think that the object was worthy of the cost, they would say so by their vote. Hon. members in all parts of the House had spoken as though some great measures of Army reform were necessary. He would not go into the question of promotion by purchase, which had been referred to by his hon. and gallant friend the member for Durham, but he should be by no means surprised if it turned out that our promotion and retirement were purchased at a much more extravagant rate in the future than they have ever been in former days. (Hear, hear.) The hon. and gallant gentleman said that it was the business of the Government to turn and twist the material they had until they worked it into a new shape. But, in his opinion, if there was any thing that the Army required, it was the feeling that was proceeding upon some steady plan not to be altered without full notice, and that the terms and conditions which had been agreed upon were to be observed to the letter. (Hear, hear.) He was aware that he had been very much blamed for not having, without due deliberation, made changes in the Army; but he had come to the conclusion that it was his duty, in the first place, to give a trial of the simplest and fullest kind to the system which had received the deliberate sanction of Parliament, and upon which vast sums had been expended; and until that system had been fairly and fully tried he said frankly he was not going to change it. (Hear, hear.) But in any case the present would be about the most inopportune moment for attempting to make any change in the system, because we had just arrived at the time fixed by his predecessor for the Reserve to come into full operation. It was true that during the present year the Reserve would not be large, but next year we should probably have many thousands of men in that force as we had hundreds this year. Could he, therefore, under these circumstances, do anything so absurd and so contrary to common sense as to adopt the revolutionary system advocated by the hon. member for Hackney, and so throw everything into chaos and confusion just at the very moment when the new system was expected to come into operation? It was clear that for many years there had been a sort of uncertainty in the minds of both officers and men with regard to their position, and he was most anxious to disabuse them of that idea, and to satisfy them that, so far as he was concerned, the conditions which had been made with them would be kept. Although he admitted that in the present condition of the Army system there were many things that were far from perfect, still, notwithstanding there had been a diminution of the numbers of men recruited, the force, as a whole, was 425 above its establishment on the 1st of February last. He admitted that, with regard to the Guards and the Artillery, things were not in so satisfactory a condition the Guards being 309, and the Artillery, taking the two branches, nearly 1,100, below their proper numbers. The Cavalry and the Infantry, therefore, were engaging supernumeraries, not, perhaps, in great numbers, but still sufficient to make the Army, as a whole, rather above its establishment. The desertions in the Army were about 1,000 less than in the year before, and when hon. members wished to ascertain the proportions of desertion, they should compare the number of desertions, not with the number of recruits, but with that of the whole Army, because it was an error to suppose that desertion occurred among recruits alone. In comparing the desertions of one year with another, the curious fact would be discovered that, whereas the desertions among the class called skilled labourers who had enlisted was 58 per cent., desertion among the unskilled labourers amounted to only 34 per cent. The Chaplain to the Forces (Mr. Wright), in commenting upon that fact, explained that difference of 24 per cent. between the two classes of deserters by supposing that the former were in the habit of earning wages which were so much above the average that it was impossible that they could be content for any lengthened period with the pay of a soldier, although circumstances had induced them to enter the force for a time; and it was only by offering them a large money payment and other privileges that they could be got to remain in the Army. The hon. member for Glasgow had referred to a suggestion that had been often made with the view of checking desertion—that every man, whether officer or soldier, in the Army should be marked, either by tattoo or in some other manner. He did not think that any one ought to be ashamed of being in the British Army, or that soldiers would have any sound objection to being so marked, especially as it would get rid of the worst and most treacherous kind of desertion, practised by men who went from regiment to regiment, selling their clothes every time and re-enlisting, while doing their best to spread disaffection and discontent in the ranks. In his opinion, that was an offence that ought to be punished with the utmost severity. (Hear, hear) He was not disposed to agree with the remark uttered by an hon. member that desertion ought to be looked upon as a crime of a not very serious description. An inference had been attempted to be drawn as to the character of the Army from the disparity between the number of men who had received good-conduct stripes and those who did not possess them, but it must be remembered that from the total of those who had not received them must be deducted the men under two years' service, who were unable to obtain them, and the very slight offences, which were not regarded as offences at all by civilians, for which soldiers were deprived of those marks of their good conduct. Under all the circumstances, he thought that the body of 88,000 men who possessed these marks was evidence of the general high character of our Army. (Hear, hear.) Attempts had been made to give soldiers pleasant occupations during the evening, so as to keep them out of the publichouses, and in his opinion the regimental canteens might be made of great use in providing for the comfort and requirements of the men. Turning to the height and the chest measurement of the men, he thought our recruits would bear comparison favourably with those of former years. He had been to the chief recruiting establishment in London and had inspected the recruits very carefully; and instead of seeing, as he had been led to suppose he should, a number of men inferior in their physique, he had found the recruits to be extremely well dressed, of considerable height, and of large chest measurement; and he had been much struck with the quickness and intelligence they displayed. They spelt their names, they gave an account of themselves readily, appeared anxious to have their religions entered, and seemed to fully comprehend the position they were about to enter To show that we must not allow statements made at random to convince us that everything was going wrong he would mention a difficulty that occurred about the age of a young man who wished to enlist into the Army by one of the most skilful recruiting officers. The young man told the recruiting officer he was 18, and that if the recruiting officer had any doubt about the matter he could get a copy of the register of his birth. He was a highly-developed young man. The recruiting officer enlisted him, and believed that he would make a capital soldier. The hon. member for Hackney had called his (Mr. Hardy's) attention to that case after the young man had been ten months enlisted without any remonstrance having been made by the father (who was one of the hon. member's constituents) or any other member of the family. But when the regiment was ordered to go to India the father said that the young man was not 18, but only 14 years and ten months old when he enlisted. He (Mr. Hardy) inquired who was the medical officer that could have passed a boy of 14 years and 10 months as a man of 18 he was informed that he was one of the most careful and scrutinizing surgeons in the Army. The fact was that the boy was of unusual physical development. (A laugh.) He was a boy who would make a most capital soldier. All the officers became fond of him, and they were anxious that he should go with them. Having been only 10 months in the Army he could not then go to India. Afterwards he was carefully examined by a medical man, who was of opinion that he had a constitution which was peculiarly fitted for the climate of India, and he went out. But having gone out, if he had the least desire to come back he should be returned to his country. (Hear.) But it must be understood that those who made false attestations with regard to their age were liable to be dealt with by the discipline of the Army. With respect to the remarks of his hon. and gallant friend the member for Sussex as to the manner in which the Indian reliefs were dealt with, he (Mr. Hardy) was informed the other day that a number of men who had returned from India were going about in the coldest weather without greatcoats, and were suffering severely. Inquiry was made, and the information proved to be unfounded (Hear.) The commanding officer at Woolwich, he believed, saw that the men who returned from India were furnished with greatcoats, which were necessary for them on their arrival. He said a few words last year with respect to ballot for the Militia. If thought everybody would admit that the system of ballot as it existed under the Act of Parliament now in force was wholly inconsistent with our present condition and modern opinions. (Hear.) He thought it was essential that at a very early period we should bring the ballot law into a condition which, when we could get no men from the Militia, would supply us with the aid that might be actually necessary for the service of the country. (Hear.) With respect to providing Civil appointments for soldiers who had left the army, there was great ignorance as to the kinds of Civil employment for which soldiers would be fitted and as to the number of Civil appointments which were open. It would be rather a strong measure to give a Civil appointment to a man because he had arrived at a period of life in which he could not support himself in trade. However, that was a subject which he (Mr. Hardy) thought would require a great deal of consideration. It was a delusion to suppose that there were 120,000 places open to soldiers to which they might easily be appointed; there was not a tenth of that number of places open. The hon. member for Hackney was naturally pleased with the satisfactory result of the meetings which he had held in the country. He (Mr. Hardy) was afraid that the unanimous resolutions in favour of the hon. member were practically carried before he came into the room (a laugh) because the assemblies, he understood, were favourable assemblies, and they did not know very much about the Army. The hon. member for Hackney said they ought to abolish the Militia in order to strengthen the Army. The hon. member for Birmingham (Mr. Muntz), as well as many hon. gentlemen on his own side of the House, had spoken a good, an honest, and a true word on behalf of the Militia, which had been very much depreciated by those who probably did not know much about it. (Hear, hear.) Seeing the constant attacks which were made on that force, he had thought it advisable to obtain an unbiassed opinion as to its condition from a General Officer who had had it under his command at Aldershot, and who yet was unconnected with it. He referred to General Herbert, who had written him a letter on the subject, in which he said the Militia were perfectly extraordinary in many ways; their marching qualities were very remarkable; they were, for their time of training, in excellent order. General Herbert mentioned ten regiments in particular which he would not now name, though he might perhaps be permitted to speak a word in favour of the regiment of his hon. and gallant friend the member for Bedfordshire (Sir R. Gilpin), one of the very best in the country, as everybody knew (hear, hear); and he added that there were many others which, after a short time—say two months additional training and manœuvring—would be fit for any service in the field by the side of their comrades in the Regular Army. (Cheers.) That was the way in which such a high and unprejudiced authority spoke of a force which had been so much run down. General Herbert further stated that he quite disagreed with those who said that there was no valid enlist for the Regular Army if the Militia did not exist; that some of them might do so, but that the majority were of a different class from those who entered the Line, and would never bear arms either in the Volunteers or the Regulars; and that in the country he knew there were many people who did not object to their sons joining the Militia, but to their sons going to bear their enlisting in the Army. (Hear, hear.) No doubt it would be a very desirable thing if every recruit for the Army could be trained for two or three years in the Militia; but, unfortunately it could not be done. Of course, he would rather have the partially manufactured article to work upon than the raw material; and if they could get men to serve in the Militia for three years and then go into the Army it would be a great gain, for which they might be willing to pay something extra; but it was impracticable. He must be forgiven for saying that it depended more upon the Colonels of the Militia regiments what number of men they could secure for the Army rather than upon anything else. (Hear, hear.) In some regiments the Colonels got 400 or 500 men to the Army, whereas in others they could squeeze out but infinitesimal driblets. He could quite understand that Colonels of Militia looked on their regiments with pride and wished to bring them up nearer and nearer to the standard of the regular Forces, but he would like them to regard them as if they were the nurseries of soldiers for the Army, and he was sure that the gaps which might thus be created in their corps would be filled up, because it would be shown that the Colonels thoroughly knew their business, were appreciated by the men who served under them, and understood both the auxiliary force and the regular service to which it was joined. (Hear, hear.) He would not now further detain the House. I would not like to address again for a week on the Army. Estimates, and on many subjects connected with the Army, which he hoped would improve its position. He trusted that the hon. member for Hackney would be content with the discussion he had raised without pressing a resolution that was not supported by anybody but himself in all particulars. It would be a pity that it should appear, by dividing the House, as if there was any difference between them about an object on which he wished to rely on the help of the hon. member for Hackney, though disagreeing with him in many particulars, as well as on the help of hon. gentlemen on his own side. (Cheers.)

Sir G. Balfour made some observations which were very impatiently listened to, and Mr. Parnell declared that the Irish Militia regiments were thoroughly in efficient and untrustworthy.

After this Mr. Holms's Resolution was negatived, and, the House having gone into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Estimates, several Votes in Class II. were agreed to. There was some discussion on the appointment of Sir Seymour Fitzgerald to be Chief Charity Commissioner.

The other business was disposed of, and the House adjourned at a quarter past 1 o'clock.

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CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.
BOMBAY BRANCH.
LONDON BANKERS.
Bank of England. | London Joint Stock Bank.
MONEY REMITTED
At current rates of Exchange by the Bank's Drafts on its Branches and Agencies in the East, and
On LONDON | On IRELAND
" SCOTLAND | " PARIS,
And also on the principal Towns in the Australian Colonies.
If desired, the Bank will send the Draft direct to the party whose address is given.
INTEREST.
On Current Deposit Accounts interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum, on the minimum Monthly Balances, up to Rs.100,000 but no interest will be allowed on balances of less than Rs. 1,000.
On Fixed Deposits on Terms which may be learned on application.
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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.
Capital Paid up £1,500,000.
Reserved Funds £500,000.
BOMBAY AGENCY.
DEPOSITS of not less then Rs. 500 are received for fixed periods bearing interest at rates which may be ascertained on application.
No interest is allowed on Current Deposit Account
Bills are bought and sold on England, Scotland, Ireland, Paris, and on the Branches and Agencies of the Corporation at Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Mauritius, Port Elizabeth, Melbourne, Sydney and New Zealand.
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GRANTS DRAFTS on its HEAD OFFICE and LONDON BANKERS, as well as on the other AGENCIES and BRANCHES;
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THE Undersigned begs to inform his numerous Patrons and Customers, that he has added a very large number of select HORSES and comfortable CARRIAGES to his already large ESTABLISHMENT for meet the increasing demand of the coming MAHABLESHWUR SEASON, and is now prepared to run conveyances for PHAETONS, from POONA to MAHABLESHWUR, at the REDUCED RATE of Rs. THIRTY-FIVE per Phaeton including all charges, such as Tolls, Feeds, &c.
This specially Reduced Rate will be available to those of his patrons *only* who will kindly book their orders *during the Current Month*, so as to enable the undersigned to make needful arrangements for supplying the conveyances.
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Between Poona and Bhimsun,
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Poona, No. 98, Civil Lines, 1st February 1876

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HORSES ON COMMISSION SALE
A very handsome Bay Arab, 7 years, 14-2 high, a passed Cavalry charger, perfectly quiet, has lately been ridden by a lady.
A very pretty Chesnut Arab Horse, aged 6 years, height 14-1½, a passed charger.
A high Caste Gray Arab Horse "War Cry," aged 5 off, 14-3 high, has been partly broken as a charger, has really good action is considered a first class Maiden and is specially recommended. The above horses, the property of an Officer proceeding to England.
A pair of dark brown Pegu Pon